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Rough roads ahead

More summit fences, closures to snarl traffic

A new round of security fences for the G20 summit went up yesterday in downtown Toronto, and the barriers were creating some traffic headaches.

One long section along Wellington Street stretches almost a kilometre from Bay Street past John Street, chopping the four one-way lanes to two in most spots.

Traffic congestion is nothing new in the downtown, but some say the barriers are making it more difficult to get around.

"I think it's pretty insane," said a woman named Michelle, who was driving a truck along Wellington. "I think they should have gone to a secluded island in the Pacific (Ocean)."

The international summit is being held June 26-27, but the three-metre fence started going up June 7. There are now sections around the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, where the meetings will take place, and the Rogers Centre next door.

G20 Summit

In addition to the Wellington Street fence, there are also now barriers along the yellow centre lines of Bay and Lower Simcoe Street, as well as along the north sidewalk of Front Street, in front of the CBC building and across the street from the convention centre.

Police say the traffic interruptions will only get worse as the summit approaches and suggest people who work downtown start mapping out alternate routes.

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Obama vows BP will pay for Gulf spill

ADDRESS U.S. President Barack Obama addressed his nation last night in the throes of an ever-worsening, seemingly endless ecological catastrophe, describing the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico as an epidemic "we will be fighting for months and even years."

Obama, criticized for his sluggish response to the worst environmental disaster in American history, talked tough during the first Oval Office address of his presidency, accusing oil giant BP of "recklessness" and saying it would be held to account for the full cost of the devastation.

"BP will pay for the impact this spill has had on the region," Obama said.

He also said he would establish a national commission to determine what went wrong.

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Message scores A soccer fan enjoys the atmosphere during yesterday's World Cup Group G match between Brazil and North Korea at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa. Brazil beat North Korea 2-1. More coverage, pages 24, 25.

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No. 17 joins Father's Day run

Prostate Cancer Canada announced that this year's Safeway Father's Day Walk/Run will have a special guest — Wendel Clark. Clark will be available to meet fans and sign autographs. Participants can register online at fathersdayrun.ca or at the event Sunday at the Distillery District. One in six Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Aurora Pincivero, from left, Lorraine Teicht, Silvana Pincivero and Paul Carlisi are seen accepting a cheque for $5.75 million after it was determined they were the rightful owners of a Lotto 6/49 winning ticket which was paid to a store clerk in 2004. Teicht died of bile duct cancer in April at age 56.

Jackpot thief gets one year

Store clerk stole $5.75M ticket from four winners in 2004

A former convenience store owner who ripped off a regular customer and her three lottery partners for $5.75 million is headed to jail for a year.

Hafiz Malik pleaded guilty last December to stealing the winning Lotto 6/49 ticket from Lorraine Teicht and her co-workers.

Court heard that Malik stole the ticket from Teicht in 2004 when the Toronto woman checked it at his store.

Malik told her the ticket was a loser, then waited seven months to cash the pilfered prize at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. offices in January 2005.

Hafiz Malik

Teicht, Paul Carlisi and sisters-in-law Silvana and Aurora Pincivero, all staff workers at the Toronto Catholic District School Board, were later compensated by the lottery corporation, with interest.

But Teicht didn't get to see Malik sentenced yesterday — she died of bile duct cancer in April at age 56.

At Malik's sentencing hearing, prosecutor Philip Perlmutter quoted Teicht in her victim impact statement as saying Malik's fraud cost her two things she could never replace: Trust and time.

Teicht said she could not trust her friends after they accused her of stealing the winnings.

The partners later realized Teicht was telling the truth and they had been bilked by Malik.

Since Malik's fraud, the OLG has installed self-checking scanners for customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

STREET HOCKEY Councillors on the public works committee unanimously voted Tuesday to work on legalizing ball hockey and other sports on city streets. "I didn't even know it was illegal," said chair Glenn De Baeremaeker. "That means most of us have been breaking the law all our life." A bylaw dating to the 1970s levies a $55 fine for playing a ball sport on the road, but no one has ever been fined, said De Baeremaeker. He later dismissed concerns that the city could be liable for injuries sustained on public roads: "I think if I listened too closely to all the lawyers that we have in this building I wouldn't leave my house in the morning."

CHARGED The father and stepmother of a 15-year-old girl from Brampton face charges of second-degree murder in her death. Tiffany Gayle was found dead in her home on Saturday morning, with signs of trauma to her body. Peel region police say an autopsy Monday indicated the cause of death was blunt force trauma. Homicide investigators yesterday arrested Fedrick Gayle, 42, and Elizabeth Gayle, 43. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food drive recognizes food bank's diverse needs

CHARITY France wins the World Cup.

Well, sort of. The World Cup diverse food drive, that is, organized by employees at the Bank of Montreal's Manulife Centre building.

Mark Adler and Marie Cosentino, who co-chair the diversity council of the personal and commercial banking division, came up with the idea to link interest in the soccer tournament with a food drive for the North York Harvest Food Bank.

Each floor adopted a country competing in the World Cup and urged staff to contribute beyond the traditional staples like white rice, pasta and peanut butter.

"We wanted to raise awareness of the need — and new immigrants make up a huge number of people who use the North York food bank," said Adler.

"Peanut butter and jam and macaroni and cheese aren't comfort food for them."

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Culture

• "We all know how important food is to our cultural identity. If you receive a hamper with a food that you recognize and like, it will leave a positive feeling," said Anette Chawla, executive director of the North York Harvest Food Bank.

Youth charged in fatal stabbing of teen

Police have charged a suspect in the stabbing death of a Toronto boy over the weekend. Justice Ferrigno, 16, was stabbed after getting into a fight near Bathurst Street and St. Clair Avenue late Saturday night. Police said Jonathan Cioppa, 18, of Toronto, has been charged with second-degree murder. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ombudsman aids special kids

Cases of parents having to give up custody for care an issue

Dozens of Ontario families are still being asked to give up custody of their special needs children in order to get the care they need, Ontario's ombudsman said yesterday.

In his annual report, Andre Marin said the number of families who turned to his office so they wouldn't have to turn their kids over to a Children's Aid Society jumped to 39 last year from 24 in 2008.

"It's an area that causes me an enormous amount of distress," said Marin.

"If we see that the ministry becomes entrenched and we are not able to resolve things amicably, then we may need to take a larger shot at the problem."

The provincial watchdog first highlighted the plight of families with special needs children in 2005, and said the problem persists because of high costs and defensive posturing by the Ministry of Children's Services.

"Every time we raise this issue someone in the ministry takes offence (and says) 'no child has ever been surrendered to the CAS,' and then we find agreements where they have been surrendered, (and the ministry says) 'there's no court order,'" said Marin.

"We may need to take another run at the system to ... make it more humane and compassionate."

Children and Youth Services Minister Laurel Broten said no parent should ever have to give up custody to get their children the services they need, and promised to relay that message yet again to staff.

The New Democrats applauded Marin's efforts to get involved on a case-by-case basis for families with special needs kids.

"I immediately made a note to my staff that from now on, when we hear from these families, we will direct them to the ombudsman's office because we're not getting anywhere directing them to the ministry," said NDP critic Cheri DiNovo.

Marin's report also took Hydro One to task for its treatment of customers, noting his office stopped the giant utility from cutting off the electricity for an 81-year-old bedridden woman's oxygen machine over an unpaid bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TODD KOCH/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Omsbudsman Andre Marin delivers his first annual report since controversy over his reappointment.

Reappointment

- Andre Marin was recently reappointed for a second five-year term in a process he described as "unduly politicized." The next ombudsman should be given one 10-year term with no chance of reappointment and the hiring process should be much more open and transparent, said Marin.

Proposed news channel takes on 'smug' reporting

LAUNCH The head of Quebecor Media's nascent Sun TV News channel unveiled his long-awaited vision for the proposed all-news network yesterday in much the same way he hopes to run it: With plenty of punchy quips intended to rile opponents and rev up its audience.

"Our aim is not to bore people to death," quipped Quebecor vice-president Kory Teneycke as he fired a good-natured broadside at Canada's public broadcaster, long a popular target for Canadian conservatives.

"We'll leave that to the CBC."

Teneycke, a former spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, said Sun TV News would be "controversially Canadian" and "unapologetically patriotic," and would offer raw debate that he said is currently missing from Canada's mainstream media.

"We're taking on smug, condescending, often irrelevant journalism," Teneycke said. "We're taking on political correctness." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Launch date

- Pending the approval of the CRTC, the new channel will launch in January, said Pierre Karl Peladeau, CEO of Sun TV parent Quebecor Media Inc.

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Quebecor Media Inc. CEO Pierre Karl Peladeau addresses a news conference in Toronto, yesterday to launch the proposed Sun TV News Channel.

News in brief

DATA INVESTMENT Data centre operator Q9 Networks says it will invest $125 million to build its sixth data centre in the Toronto area. The facility will span 240,000 square feet and have 6,500 data centre cabinets, the company announced yesterday. The first phase will be available in January 2011. Q9, in a release, said the opening comes on the heels of increased demand for data centres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Member of Khadr family charged with sex offences

COURT The youngest son of Canada's Khadr family is scheduled to appear in court next month on sex-related charges involving a girl.

Police said Abdulkareem Khadr, 21, of Toronto, was arrested 10 days ago and charged with one count each of sexual assault and sexual exploitation.

"The (alleged) victim was a minor at the time," Const. Tony Vella, said yesterday.

"This dated back several years ago."

Vella said Khadr and the alleged victim, who is now over 18, knew each other.

Khadr turned himself in to police in east end Toronto on June 4 and was charged and released, Vella said. Khadr was at school and not immediately available to comment on the charges yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

200 more all-day kindergartens for this fall

EDUCATION All-day kindergarten will be rolled out in 200 more Ontario elementary schools in the fall of 2011, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

That's in addition to about 600 schools already slated to begin the full-day program this fall.

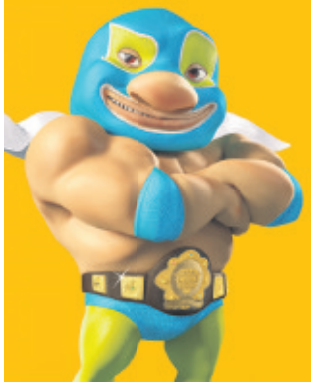
McGuinty

"We think it's very important to move forward with this kind of program, not only because it brings convenience to the lives of our families, not only because it provides our kids with a better quality education, but because it is the foundation of a very strong economy," McGuinty said.

By 2015, the province wants to see all-day kindergarten in all of the province's elementary schools — which number about 4,000. It expects the program to cost $1.5 billion annually.

The hefty price tag has the opposition questioning how the government can afford such a program with a $21-billion budget shortfall. Some school boards have also complained that the cost and speed of rolling out the program is part of the reason they're running deficits.

The list of the 200 schools being added can be found at www.Ontario.ca/early learning. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Mother pleads guilty after drowning autistic daughter

A Toronto mother who drowned her four-year-old autistic child in a bathtub pleaded guilty to manslaughter yesterday and was sentenced to three years' probation and time served. Xuan Peng is said to have "snapped" when she couldn't rein her daughter Scarlett under control after a stressful day. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Brandon Blair, an employee of Goodbye Graffiti, cleans a spray-painted ATM at a branch of the Toronto-Dominion Bank at the corner of Dundas Street West and Spadina Avenue last month.

Banks closing branches in, near G20 perimeter

SECURITY Banks will close more than three dozen branches in or near the concrete, fenced-in security perimeter during the G20 summit in Toronto.

They are among several businesses that will shut down during the gathering of world leaders later this month.

Some firms will close entirely while others will have employees work from home, but IT experts don't expect that will cause Internet problems.

The banks cite safety of customers and employees. They fear financial institutions could be targeted by some of the protesters who descend on the city.

Anti-G20 slogans such as "Stop G20" and "Resist G20" were spray-painted at several banks and ATMs in downtown Toronto late last month.

Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Montreal, Toronto-Dominion, Scotiabank and CIBC will all close branches around the zone starting the June 24 before the June 26-27 summit. They will reopen June 28.

Customers are advised to go to other branches or use telephone or Internet banking.

Royal Bank spokeswoman Judy Dobbs said customers should also think about accessing safety deposit boxes before branches close if they need to retrieve passports for vacations.

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Other closures

- The CN Tower and the Art Gallery of Ontario will close their doors and the curtain will fall on performances of Rock of Ages and Mamma Mia! A Toronto Blue Jays home series against the Phillies has been moved to Philadelphia.

News in brief

FERTILIZER After a scare caused by a fertilizer sale in southern Ontario last month, the fertilizer industry will audit current security programs for ammonium nitrate, which can be converted into an explosive. Dave Finlayson, executive director of the Fertilizer Safety and Security Council, says even though there was no security risk, it's an opportunity to make sure everything is up to date. Police were alerted to the purchase of ammonium nitrate in Lincoln, Ont., after the sale was apparently made without proper documentation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Summit taps into girl power

Canadian youth talks maternal health, education, poverty

G20 Summit

Preceding the G20 Summit, girls from all the G20 countries are gathering in Toronto this week for the first G(irls)20 summit to show what the world would be like if they were in charge.

The summit is part of an international campaign called 3.3 Billion Ways, which is led by the Belinda Stronach Foundation. Metro Canada asked the participants what they thought the biggest issues facing the world are.

Today, we feature Canadian representative Leah Stuart-Sheppard, 19.

TANNIS TOOHEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Belinda Stronach Foundation has chosen girls from each of the G20 countries for a G(irls)20 summit. Leah Stuart-Sheppard, left, is the Canadian delegate.

Q What do you believe are the biggest challenges for women and girls in your country?

A The biggest issue facing girls and women in Canada is a lack of political and social representation. Women do not have an adequate voice in Parliament, affecting their relevance and presence in the social spectrum as well. Leaders need to place an emphasis on facilitating the participation of women in politics.

Q What do you believe must be done in your country to allow its female citizens to reach their greatest potential?

A It is first of all important to ensure that they are equipped with the tools they need to achieve their goals. This can be done by ensuring there is equal access to education and training for all citizens and all women, including those, like aboriginal women, who currently lack this opportunity.

Q How do you think we can improve maternal health worldwide?

A All women, regardless of location, culture, or income, must have access to efficient and effective health care ... It is important to discuss issues like HIV/AIDS, access to abortion and contraception, and nutrition ... As well, to provide the care needed and to provide job opportunities, women should be trained to work as doctors, nurses and midwives for other women.

Q How can we eradicate extreme poverty and hunger worldwide?

A Firstly, all citizens must be given the opportunity to earn a formal income and to support themselves. This will strengthen women's positions and their communities, as women tend to reinvest in their communities and families. Secondly ... we must look critically at the global resource distribution processes to develop ways of strengthening and empowering local communities, so that they have secure food sources. Finally, environmental challenges like climate change need to be addressed.

Q How can we achieve universal primary education worldwide?

A It is first of all important to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place, and that it is locally maintained ... It is important to have female teachers, to look into providing incentives to families or ways of convincing them of the value of female education, and to address the economic or cultural barriers families face when sending girls to school. **METRO CANADA**

Police say they can't confirm report uniforms were stolen

CONCERN Toronto police say they have been unable to confirm a report that more than a dozen police uniforms have been stolen over the past few days.

680 News reports that a police source told the radio station the uniforms were stolen from various dry cleaners.

But police spokeswoman Meaghan Gray said the force hasn't found any evidence of such incidents, but admits it would be a concern.

The report of the thefts comes less than two weeks before world leaders are to meet at the G20 summit in downtown Toronto June 26-27.

The force is part of a massive security effort being organized around the summit.

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The New Brunswick Court of Appeal yesterday upheld an injunction granted to Atlantic regional telecommunications company Bell Aliant preventing Toronto-based Rogers Communications from claiming it has the fastest and most reliable Internet offering. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dad admits to killing daughter

Girl's brother also pleads guilty in suspected 'honour killing'

After 16-year-old Aqsa Parvez was murdered by her brother and father in a so-called honour killing, her mother blamed the slain girl for not obeying her family's strict rules.

Alone in a police interview room after her son choked Aqsa to death in December 2007 and her husband took the fall for it, Anwar Jan was caught on a recording suggesting Aqsa's murder was the headstrong teenager's own fault.

"Aqsa, Aqsa, my daughter is dead. Everyone tried to explain to you," she said. "This would not have happened if you would have listened."

"This would not have happened if you would have listened."
Anwar Jan, mother, following Parvez's death

Muhammad and Waqas Parvez, set for trial next year on first-degree murder charges, pleaded guilty yesterday to second-degree murder. In the weeks leading up to the killing Aqsa had clashed with her family, originally from Pakistan, over her desire to wear western clothing and not the hijab.

She had been living with a friend but was lured to the family's Mississauga home that day by her brother, who told her she could pick up her clothes, Crown attorney Mara Basso said. Waqas Parvez choked Aqsa to death in her bedroom less than 20 minutes after they arrived and then fled, according to an agreed statement of facts read in court.

Waqas Parvez told a colleague two or three days before the murder that he was going to kill his sister because she was causing the family embarrassment, the statement said.

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U of T **No more pencils...**

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A group of University of Toronto students jump for joy in King's College Circle yesterday after attending Woodsworth College's spring convocation. Ceremonies at the downtown campus continue daily until Friday.

Tenants losing out on recycling

WASTE About 75,000 residents of apartment buildings and condos across Toronto have lost access to the city's recycling program in the past two years.

The culprit, city staff admit, is a confusing fee system that offers only skimpy rewards for diligent recycling. It has driven about 375 of Toronto's 5,000 multi-unit buildings out of the city system and to private removal companies.

"The waste rate program was unfair, punitive and untransparent," Brad Butt of the Greater Toronto Apartments Association told the public works committee yesterday, before its members voted to recommend that council adopt a new fee system as soon as possible. "We have a considerable challenge in apartments to encourage residents to actively support recycling and waste diversion programs. ... While we have made some significant strides, the goal of 70 per cent waste diversion is still far off."

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Former judge facing murder charge

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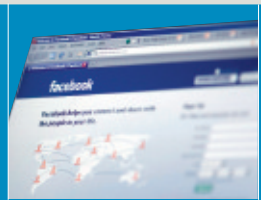

Facebook postings lead to charges

A Quebec teen is in trouble for allegedly inciting racial hatred through the social networking site Facebook. Police said yesterday the teen was arrested and charged with using his profile page to spread hatred against different minority ethnic groups. The 17-year-old from northeastern Quebec faces two charges: One of uttering threats and one of inciting hatred on the Internet. The boy is a minor, so his identity cannot be revealed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

ARAR CASE A security expert says an RCMP probe into foreign officials connected with the Maher Arar case is probably a "waste of time." Chris Mathers, a former RCMP officer, says it's difficult to get foreign officials to co-operate with such investigations, especially in countries where there are no formal legal agreements. Arar's lawyers have said the Mounties are investigating officials in both the U.S. and Syria for the roles they played in Arar's deportation and torture. The Syrian-born Canadian spent a year in a Damascus prison where he was tortured and gave false confessions about links to terrorist groups. Arar has received an apology and over $10 million in compensation from the Canadian government, but is still seeking recognition from U.S. officials. On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his final appeal to have his case heard. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MPs' books open

AG finally gets chance to check expenses

Members of Parliament have caved to public pressure and will permit the auditor general to look at their expenses in an effort to combat what a senior Conservative calls "an increased campaign of misinformation."

Tory House leader Jay Hill made the somewhat grudging announcement yesterday, flanked by Liberal Marcel Proulx and Auditor General Sheila Fraser.

"It has always been our position ... that the checks and balances and reporting mechanism — the audit that already takes place, the ongoing efforts of our public servants in financial services — perform the necessary tasks of ensuring the protection of Canadian tax dollars," he said. "Our position has not changed.

"(But) in the interest of public interest, we're going to take this extra step."

MPs of all parties have been getting hammered in public opinion polls, call-in shows and newspaper editorials over their reluctance to permit the auditor general's office to examine $500 million in annual parliamentary spending.

Their about-face was a long time coming. The powerful and secretive Board of Internal Economy — an all-party committee of MPs — recently rejected Fraser's year-old request to audit their budget on the grounds that it went beyond her mandate, sparking a huge public outcry.

Hill said the committee met Monday and unanimously agreed that "it was in the public interest to clarify that the protection of Canadian tax dollars is paramount in the thinking of the board."

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Sheila Fraser and Marcel Proulx on Parliament Hill.

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OUCH More people taking part in sports, doing household chores, working or walking took a tumble or otherwise got hurt last year, and new figures from Statistics Canada provide a breakdown of these activity-limiting injuries.

More than 4.1 million people aged 12 and over — about 15 per cent of this age group — suffered an injury last year that was severe enough to limit their normal activities, up from 13 per cent in 2001, according to data from the Canadian Community Health Survey released yesterday.

But fewer people are making a beeline to the hospital or a doctor's office, the data suggest. Fifty-five per cent received medical attention within 48 hours in 2009, down from 64 per cent in 2001. About 35 per cent of injuries occurred during participation in sports or physical exercise.

Sylvain Tremblay, chief of the health survey, said the definition only included injuries that would affect a person's normal routine on the day after the injury happened.

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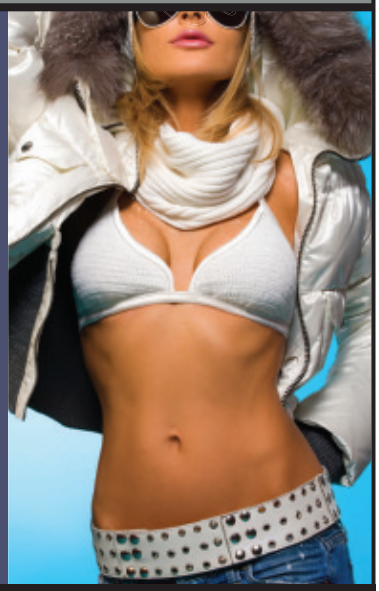

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"We came here to provide a better future for our kids. I am convinced that we will make it in Canada," says Sudhir.

An architect trained with a Master's from JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai, Sudhir was Vice-President of a very well-known construction group. He researched job opportunities in Canada and had lined up a confirmed job in Halifax before moving.

"An agent responded to my online application; we had several discussions over the phone. After a few interviews with the HR people at the firm, I had my first job offer. Unfortunately, the project was shelved, but nobody's to blame for it," says an ever-positive Sudhir." I gained interview opportunities and experience in the process. They say they will contact me when the project gets off the ground."

Manisha, with a Masters in Fine Arts also from JJ School of Arts, ran her own design studio in Mumbai. In Toronto, she is enjoying the weather. She feels absolutely at home and finds Canadians very welcoming.

"Right now both of us are looking for jobs, but things will fall into place soon," she says confidently.

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Pankaj Mehra, Director India and South Asia Markets at Scotiabank, tells the Bagdes, "Water finds its own level. Your positive energy is bound to be reflected in every interaction of yours."

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Sudhir had met a Scotiabank representative in Mumbai who told him about the **Scotiabank *StartRight*®** Program for newcomers to Canada and the bank's partnership with HDFC Bank in India.

"I said, 'Good idea!'" laughs Sudhir. "The banking formalities were all completed while I was in India. I had an account in Canada the day I landed." A minor glitch was soon ironed out. The Bagdes had opened a joint account, but Manisha stayed back in India for their daughter to complete her school exams and joined Sudhir a few weeks later.

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The Bagdes admit to wondering how their new neighbours would be and if the kids would settle in. Happily, they have positive things to report on both fronts. Their daughter **Kruti**, 17, stayed in touch with friends in India by e-mail while exploring her new neighbourhood over the summer holidays. Their son **Kalpak**, 12, is immersed in books he brings home from the Mississauga Public Library.

Sudhir has now become a Certified Project Manager (PMP) and working towards LEED accreditation, while extensively networking with professionals in his area.

He recounts an amusing incident. "I had to fill out a form and a lady asked me to spell my name. BAGDE, I said. BADGE, she wrote."

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Consultant charged over fake marriages

The Mounties say an immigration consultant concocted a fake marriage scheme that helped newcomers bend the rules to get into Canada. Richard Yalaoui, a 46-year-old Montreal-based consultant, was charged yesterday with helping an unknown number of newcomers circumvent immigration rules. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aides can't play hooky, expert says

ETHICS Parliament's top legal expert says political aides don't have the right to play hooky from Commons committees, nor does anyone — including the prime minister — have the authority to instruct them to do so.

The ethics committee had issued summonses to two political staffers to testify on the subject of political interference in access-to-information requests.

But the government ministers began appearing uninvited, instead of their employees.

Rob Walsh, the House of Commons law clerk and parliamentary counsel, told the committee there are only three kinds of people who can ignore such a summons: MPs; senators; and the Governor General.

Other than that, the ability of the Commons to call for the persons and papers it wishes is paramount.

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NDP MP Jack Harris, left, and Joe Comartin comment on Afghan detainee document negotiations yesterday in the foyer of the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

NDP reject agreement

DOCUMENTS The NDP won't join the other three federal parties in an agreement on how to give MPs access to sensitive Afghan detainee documents.

It says the process won't work and is again demanding a public inquiry.

"The whole process, as far as we're concerned, does not get at the truth and will not get at the truth and we will not sign on to it," New Democrat MP Jack Harris said after all parties met early yesterday.

Harris, one of two NDP negotiators involved in the discussions, said the agreement reached by the governing Tories, Opposition Liberals and Bloc Québécois doesn't give MPs the access they need.

A panel of jurists will vet the material and decide whether MPs can see it.

That leaves MPs out of the loop and is unacceptable, Harris said.

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Canadian soldiers in for a 'tough summer'

Canada's final full summer of combat in Kandahar will be marked by intense fighting, the commander of Canadian Forces overseas warned yesterday, just hours before the assassination of an Afghan leader considered a key figure in NATO's counterinsurgency operations.

Lt.-Gen. Marc Lessard, the head of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, said insurgent activity has increased significantly since his last visit to Kandahar Airfield in early May, striking a markedly different tone from the one he gave then.

"It's going to be a very tough summer. Enemy activity is significant," he said.

"Enemy activity in the districts has increased, so that means we have to be more vigilant."
Lt.-Gen. Marc Lessard

Lessard said there is a stronger insurgent presence in the rural districts that border Kandahar city, such as Arghandab, Zhari and Panjwaii, where the Taliban has been responsible for a rash of violence in the region. "Enemy activity in the districts has increased, so that means we have to be more vigilant," Lessard said.

Shortly after he spoke, Abdul Jabar Murghani, the Arghandab district chief, was killed while driving home when a remote-controlled bomb exploded in a car parked along his route. His son and his bodyguard also died.

Murghani's death marks a major setback for the coalition. He was considered instrumental in NATO's efforts to build public confidence in Arghandab.

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News in brief

GUNS A key vote that could decide the fate of the long-gun registry has been put off to Sept. 21. Commons Speaker Peter Milliken says that's when the House will vote on a committee recommendation to abandon the bill to kill the registry. The private member's bill, introduced by Manitoba Tory Candice Hoepner, has caused some bitter party infighting and delaying the vote to September may allow some tempers to cool. Repeal of the gun registry is heresy for the Bloc and for big-city Liberals.

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French satellite carrier bans Hamas TV

A France-based satellite provider is halting broadcasts of the Hamas TV channel to Europe and parts of the Arab world because of concerns that it spreads incitement, a station official said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

'War may break out at any time': Official

North Korea is warning that its military forces will respond if the UN Security Council questions or condemns the country over the sinking of a South Korean navy ship — an act it vehemently denies. North Korea's UN Ambassador Sin Son Ho, left, told a news conference yesterday there is "a touch-and-go situation that war may break out at any time" because of South Korean accusations that the North torpedoed the ship and killed 46 sailors.

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Was vigilante on hunt for bin Laden in Pakistan?

ARREST An American man has been detained in the mountains of Pakistan after Pakistani authorities found him carrying a sword, pistol and night-vision goggles on a Rambo-style solo mission to hunt down and kill Osama bin Laden.

Friends and family say construction worker Gary Brooks Faulkner is a devout, good-humoured Christian who has travelled widely in that part of the world.

Faulkner

The 51-year-old Faulkner, who has a lengthy arrest record and served time in a Colorado prison, arrived June 3 in the town of Bumburate and stayed in a hotel there. He was assigned a police guard, as is common for foreigners visiting remote parts of Pakistan.

When he checked out without informing police, officers began looking for him, according to the top police officer in the Chitral region, Mumtaz Ahmad Khan. Faulkner was found late Sunday in a forest.

"We initially laughed when he told us that he wanted to kill Osama bin Laden," Khan said. But when officers seized the weapons and night-vision equipment, "our suspicion grew." He said the American was trying to cross into the nearby Afghan region of Nuristan.

Chitral and Nuristan are among several rumoured hiding places for bin Laden along the mountainous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Khan said Faulkner told investigators he was angry after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks in the United States.

"I think Osama is responsible for bloodshed in the world, and I want to kill him," Khan quoted him as saying.

When asked why he thought he had a chance of tracing bin Laden, Faulkner replied, "God is with me, and I am confident I will be successful in killing him," Khan said.

He said police confiscated a small amount of hashish, enough for a single joint, from Faulkner.

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Bloody Sunday, truth Tuesday

12-year, $290M report blames 1972 massacre on British troops

Relatives of 13 Irish demonstrators shot to death by British troops on Northern Ireland's Bloody Sunday cried tears of joy yesterday as an epic fact-finding probe ruled that their loved ones were innocent and the soldiers entirely to blame for the 1972 slaughter.

The investigation took 12 years and nearly $290 million US, but the victims' families and the British, Irish and American governments welcomed the findings as priceless to heal one of the gaping wounds left from Northern Ireland's four-decade conflict that left 3,700 dead.

Thousands of residents of Londonderry — a predominantly Catholic city long synonymous with Britain's major mass killing from the Northern Ireland conflict — gathered outside the city hall to watch the verdict come in, followed by a lengthy apology from Prime Minister David Cameron in London that moved many locals long distrustful of British leaders.

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A crowd carries pictures of victims of Bloody Sunday while they march through Londonderry, Northern Ireland, yesterday.

The probe found that soldiers opened fire without justification at unarmed, fleeing civilians and lied about it for decades, refuting an initial British investigation that branded the demonstrators as Irish Republican Army bombers and gunmen. Cameron, who was just five years old when the attack occurred, said it was "both unjustified and unjustifiable."

"I couldn't believe it, I was so overjoyed," said Kay Duddy, clutching the handkerchief used to swab blood from her 17-year-old brother's body that day. Jackie Duddy, the first of the 13 killed, was shot in the back.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I ever envisage a British prime minister would stand up in Parliament and tell the truth of what happened on Bloody Sunday," Duddy said.

The Bloody Sunday Inquiry, authorized by then-British Prime Minister Tony Blair in 1998 in the run-up to the negotiation of the Good Friday peace accord that year, was led by English judge Lord Saville. He gave the ex-paratroopers, now in their 60s and 70s, broad protections from criminal charges as well as anonymity in the witness box, citing the risk that IRA dissidents might target them in retaliation.

Some legal experts, however, said wiggle room remains for prosecutions and, more likely, civil lawsuits against retired soldiers, particularly because some of them were found to have lied to Saville.

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UN: Kyrgyzstan violence 'orchestrated'

CENTRAL ASIA The UN has found evidence of bloody intent behind the chaos in Kyrgyzstan that killed hundreds, left the nation's second-biggest city a smouldering ruin and sent more than 100,000 ethnic Uzbeks fleeing.

The declaration by the UN that the fighting was "orchestrated, targeted and well-planned" — set off by organized groups of gunmen in ski masks — bolsters government claims that hired attackers marauded through Osh, shooting at both Kyrgyz and Uzbeks to inflame old tensions. Kyrgyzstan's interim leaders have blamed the former president's inner circle for igniting the unrest — the worst ethnic violence to hit Central Asia in 20 years. The bloodshed has eroded the provisional government's grip on power and threatens a crucial referendum planned for later this month.

Over 100,000 Uzbeks have fled for their lives to neighbouring Uzbekistan

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News in brief

ARIZONA Emboldened by passage a tough law against illegal immigration, a state politician wants to deny citizenship to children born in the U.S. to undocumented parents. Legal scholars laugh at Republican state Sen. Russell Pearce's proposal and warn it would be unconstitutional, since the 14th Amendment guarantees citizenship to anyone born in the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Solar-powered plane prototype ready

A Swiss team hoping to fly a solar-powered plane around the world in 2012 says it plans to take a prototype for an all-night spin later this month. The team, led by adventurer Bertrand Piccard, says it will try to fly the Solar Impulse non-stop for 24 hours as part of its test program. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Curious case of Alvin Greene

No-name vote-getter accused of being a Republican plant

It's been dubbed The Curious Case of Alvin Greene, and indeed, since the unemployed veteran's surprise win last week in a South Carolina U.S. Senate primary, the case gets more curious by the day.

Greene shocked the American political establishment last week when he handily beat state judge Vic Rawl in the Democratic primary despite having no political ads or even a campaign website.

While neither Rawl nor Greene was expected to have a serious shot of winning against Republican Sen. Jim DeMint in the November mid-term elections, Greene's victory has resulted in accusations of dirty tricks orchestrated by political foes.

Greene

In his media interviews since the win, Greene has denied he's a Republican plant plucked from obscurity to take on a respectable, established Democratic candidate.

"I've always been a Democrat and I still will be a Democrat in the future and support Democrats in the future," Greene said in a painfully stilted interview with MSNBC when asked if he was a Republican plant.

"I had 60 per cent of the vote. Sixty per cent of the vote is not luck."

Greene, it turns out, is also facing felony obscenity charges following an incident in November, when he is alleged to have made sexual advances to an 18-year-old University of South Carolina student after showing her Internet pornography.

He has refused the Democratic party's request that he bow out of the race.

Cal Jillson, a political scientist at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is watching the events with interest given there are similar suspected shenanigans playing out in Texas as the Green Party makes sudden, Republican-backed strides after years in the political wilderness.

"He clearly won the primary, there's no question about that, but the question is, where did an unemployed guy who can hardly articulate a sentence get $10,000 and the idea to run for the U.S. Senate?" Jillson said.

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Jesus statue struck by lightning, burns down

OHIO A six-storey statue of Jesus Christ with his arms raised along a highway was struck by lightning in a thunderstorm Monday night and burned to the ground, police said.

The King of Kings statue, one of southwest Ohio's most familiar landmarks, had stood since 2004 at the evangelical Solid Rock Church along Interstate 75 in Monroe, just north of Cincinnati. The sculpture, nearly 19 metres tall and 12 metres wide at the base, showed Jesus from the torso up and was nicknamed Touchdown Jesus because of the way the arms were raised, similar to a referee signalling a touchdown in a game of football.

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In this 2005 file photo, the King of King's statue of Jesus Christ stands outside in Monroe, Ohio.

The fire spread from the statue to an adjacent amphitheatre but was confined to the attic area, and no one was injured, police Chief Mark Neu said.

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News in brief

MIDDLE EAST The United Nations will take to Gaza tons of aid supplies languishing in an Israeli port for two weeks since they were seized in a bloody sea confrontation, the Israeli military said yesterday. Until now, the Hamas rulers of Gaza have refused to accept the aid as a protest against Israel's blockade of the territory.

UNITED NATIONS Western countries rebuked Iran for its human rights record yesterday after overcoming an attempt by Iran and its Muslim allies to block the statement from being read aloud in the UN Human Rights Council. The U.S. and Norway pressured Iran to make good on its pledge to improve human rights.

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What a bunch of knuckleheads

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Ever get the feeling you woke up on the wrong planet, somebody stole your spaceship, and it's a long walk home?

That's how I felt after UFC 115 rolled through Vancouver, landed several blows to our civic psyche, then left, vowing to return.

UFC, for the uninitiated, is short for Ultimate Fighting Championship, and 115 is the 115th event. Since UFC 1 in 1993, fighters skilled in a mix of martial arts, including jiu-jitsu, Muay Thai and boxing, have been beating the crap out of each other in front of increasingly larger crowds all across the world.

What exactly is going on here? If you don't have a 20-year-old son who looks like a Brazilian gangster, you may have heard about UFC, but don't really know what it's about. Let me just say, ignorance is no defence.

When John McCain, the man who will go down in history as Sarah Palin's enabler, first encountered UFC, he called it "human cockfighting." Back then the tag line was: "There are no rules." Now there are rules. You can no longer, for example, break your opponent's fingers, gouge his eyes out or "kick the head of a grounded opponent." You can, of course, continue to smash him in the face with your fists even though he's down and incapacitated.

After UFC 115, the emergency ward at Vancouver General looked like a MASH unit after a bad day on the battlefield. At least five of the combatants were hospitalized, with broken arms, hands, feet, and noses.

Here's how one sports writer, Ian MacIntyre of the Vancouver Sun, described the beating absorbed by Rory MacDonald, a 20-year-old who looks like a Brazilian gangster but is just a nice kid (really!) from Kelowna: "Condit's right arm worked like a piston as he efficiently cracked Rory's face and head over and over and over and over."

And then: "At that stage, after more than three minutes of sustained beating, Rory's defence consisted almost entirely of lolling his head from one side to another. But the cracks continued, one after another."

And then: "… referee Kevin Dornan decided enough was enough and stopped the slaughter. The crowd booed his judgment."

Under any other circumstances, this behaviour would be called by its real name: Aggravated assault. When something like this happens at the rink, the cops investigate. At UFC, while the guy's bleeding and unconscious, there's just enough time to go for another beer.

You think boxing was bad? This is boxing on crack.

Count me out. Now, where can I catch the space taxi?

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Word on the street: The $50-million Lotto Max jackpot is still up for grabs. What would you do with the money if you won?

Melissa Lai
Toronto

A: I'd give 10 per cent to my church, save 10 per cent, donate 20 per cent to another charity, give some to family and friends and hold on to the rest in case I want to buy something.

Ralph Lucas
Toronto

A: I'd buy a house I saw for sale on TV that's in Barcelona. It's priced at $1.4 million.

Patricia Raulino
Toronto

A: I would buy a farm with all my favourite farm animals. It would only be a fun farm — no eating the animals. I would take care of them, and make my enemies my slaves.

Justin Warfield
Halifax

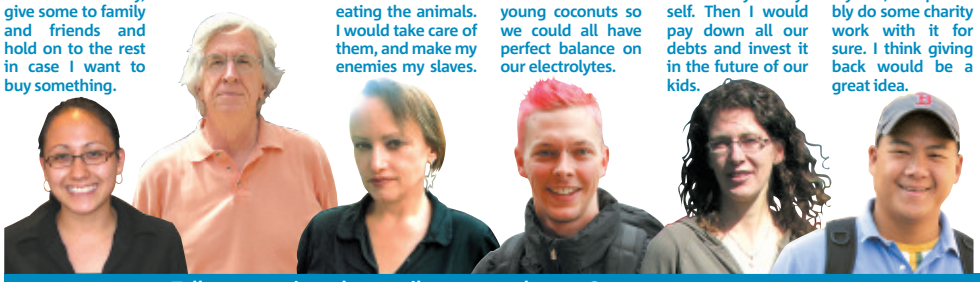
A: I'd fly to Thailand and eat lots of young coconuts, and supply the rest of the world with young coconuts so we could all have perfect balance on our electrolytes.

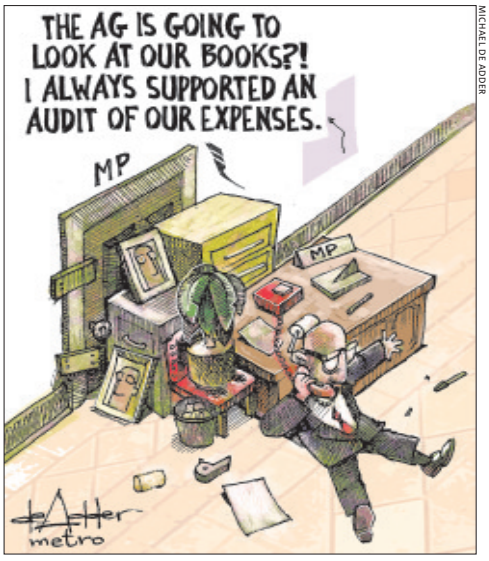
Monika Fouad
Edmonton

A: I would probably donate half of it because I would feel bad having all that money for myself. Then I would pay down all our debts and invest it in the future of our kids.

Robert Joa
Vancouver

A: I would travel for sure. Go to Europe, Asia, South America, everywhere. Buy a yacht, and probably do some charity work with it for sure. I think giving back would be a great idea.





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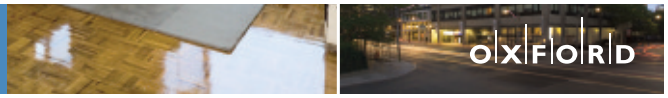

Husband-wife authors start project to ease money problems of Filipino newcomers

"Join a community support group that shares your concerns, get involved, and learn to manage your finances well." This is the advice of Dr. Aprodicio Laquian and his wife Eleanor to all new immigrants in Canada.

Their advice is rooted in the couple's extensive academic research from writing 20 books between them including: *Seeking a Better Life Abroad: A Study of Filipinos in Canada,1957-2007 (2008)* and *An Immigrant's Journey (2010)*.

Now retired from the University of British Columbia and the United Nations, the couple feels blessed that their own migration to Canada in 1969 had been smooth. However, while writing about Filipinos in Canada, they saw that the experience of recent waves of newcomers – including thousands of domestic workers and caregivers – had not been as trouble-free.

"These newcomers needed assistance in both settling down and in managing their personal finances," observes the couple. "Among their financial issues were low wages, lack of credit history, the temptation of easy credit and the need to scrimp to send funds back home."

In 2006, Dr. and Mrs. Laquian helped the Vancouver Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights (CDWCR) establish CARE-NET (Caregivers Network), a series of workshops and training to help caregivers do their jobs well and become landed immigrants. The workshops, held on Sundays, include a home-cooked lunch of chicken adobo and rice, as well as a free manual for caregivers.

Today, CDWCR volunteers train 50 to 75 newly-arrived caregivers each year, and resource persons conduct the workshops. For example, since personal financial management is a major component of CARE-NET, a seminar on basic banking was given by Lorina Serafico, a Scotiabank personal banking officer.

Outside of office hours at Scotiabank's Fraser and 49th Avenue Branch in Vancouver, Lorina is a CARE-NET volunteer coordinator. As a newcomer from the Philippines herself, she understands their challenges.

"Lack of funds is the main reason that newcomers delay applying for permanent residency, so I show them how much they can save in two years if they start putting away a bit every pay day. We teach them to save for their future and avoid 'Buy now, pay later' offers," Lorina says, adding that former workshop attendees now mentor other newcomers.

Lorina is also proud to represent Scotiabank due to the commitment of her co-workers and the Bank to the community, including a recent donation to set up Canada's first Filipiniana collection of books at the Richmond Public Library. She concludes that, "It's wonderful to share our experience and knowledge to help other newcomers land more easily."

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Aecon spends $51.2 million for stake in Churchill

Aecon Group has spent $51.2 million to buy a minority stake in another of Canada's publicly traded construction companies. The Toronto-based company said Monday that its investment will translate into a 14.9 per cent stake in Alberta-based Churchill Corp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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Manufacturing sales advance

FACTORIES Manufacturing sales advanced 0.2 per cent in April to $44.5 billion. Statistics Canada reports sales increases by primary metal and petroleum and coal product manufacturers were largely offset by a decline in the food industry.

Manufacturing sales have risen in eight of the past 10 months.

Sales gains were reported in 11 of 21 industries, representing 67.8 per cent of total sales. StatsCan says a 3.3 per cent rise in prices was largely responsible for boosting manufacturing sales of primary metals 3.6 per cent.

Sales in Ontario decreased 0.3 per cent, while manufacturers in Manitoba reported a 4.5 per cent drop in April.

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iPhone 4 Unlocked in Canada

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Early adopters wait in front of an electronics store in Tokyo to pre-order Apple's iPhone 4 yesterday ahead of its June 24 launch in Japan and the United States and by the end of July in Canada. Canadians will be able to buy the new iPhone from Apple without a long-term contract, which would allow them to migrate to the wireless provider of their choice. Apple is also debuting an unlocked version of the 8G iPhone 3GS, the previous model, priced at $549 without a contract.

Oil firms feel panel's wrath

Other companies' spill response plans called 'paper exercises'

Members of the U.S. Congress chastised the largest oil companies yesterday, accusing them of being no better prepared than BP to avert an environmental catastrophe.

With top oil company executives waiting to testify at a House hearing, Rep. Henry Waxman asserted that the companies' spill response plans amounted to "paper exercises" that mirrored BP's failed plan. Their strategies to plug a spill deep beneath the sea are the same failed strategies that have stymied BP, the California Democrat said.

Meanwhile, BP said it was speeding up payments for large commercial claims filed as a result of losses in the Deepwater Horizon explosion and spill. BP said it approved 337 payments totalling $16 million to businesses that have filed claims more than $5,000 apiece.

Waxman's committee released documents that showed BP made a series of money-saving shortcuts and blunders that dramatically increased the danger of a destructive spill from a well that an engineer ominously described as a "nightmare" just six days before the April blowout.

Henry Waxman

Investigators found that BP was badly behind schedule and losing hundreds of thousands of dollars with each passing day, and responded by cutting corners in the well design, cementing and drilling efforts and the installation of safety devices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business in brief

RIM TABLET? As consumers snap up Apple's iPad and gravitate to PC tablets, BlackBerry maker Research In Motion may be working on its own version of the media entertainment device. The Wall St. Journal and some tech websites have reported that RIM is working on a tablet device that would accompany its BlackBerry. RIM has said it's working on new products. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ADVANCING GENERICS

Quebec, Alberta step up national regulator fight

Federal efforts to form a national securities regulator will lead to confusion and turmoil in Canada's financial markets instead of helping them, Quebec and Alberta warned yesterday.

The provinces called a news conference to argue that upcoming court battles would translate into a prolonged period of uncertainty for investors.

Those legal cases include Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's referral of draft legislation to the Supreme Court of Canada, which said this week it would hear the case in April 2011.

So far, Quebec and Alberta are alone in leading the charge against the idea of wrapping up provincial regulators into a single national body. But at a joint news conference with his Quebec counterpart, Alberta Finance Minister Ted Morton predicted other provinces would join the fight eventually.

Creating a central authority would, according to Ottawa, reduce red tape in investment and bring Canada in line with other western countries.

Quebec Finance Minister Raymond Bachand suggested patchwork implementation would encourage companies to shop for those jurisdictions with less stringent regulations.

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New powers

- In draft legislation unveiled last month, Ottawa plans to give the Canadian Securities Regulatory Authority new powers to fight such financial crimes as insider trading.

Thailand **Wooing tourists**

ALEX ALPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman is about to apply mud on to the face of her customer at the Thailand Tourism Festival in Bangkok earlier this week. Thais will do just about anything these days to revive a once golden tourism industry battered by bloody political protests. They're offering shark diving promotions, tax credits, even discounted facial mud packs.

Public Mobile partners with retailer Gateway Newstands

DEAL New wireless player Public Mobile has reached an exclusive agreement with Gateway Newstands that will see 152 co-branded Gateway locations sell Public Mobile phones, the companies said yesterday.

"Gateway is the perfect partner. They're everywhere we want to be," said Public Mobile CEO Alek Krstajic.

"Gateway and Public Mobile share the same target market. Our customers are their customers," said Michael Aychental, CEO of Gateway Newstands.

Public Mobile kiosks will begin opening in Gateway locations in Toronto and Montreal over the next few months.

Combined with the 66 Public Mobile stores that are already open in Toronto and Montreal, Public Mobile will have more than 200 retail locations exclusively dedicated to selling Public Mobile phones in Toronto and Montreal. Established in 1983, Gateway Newstands has more than 500 stores across North America. Public Mobile launched network service in Toronto May 26. It plans to launch service in Montreal June 25.

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County renamed for Wade

Dwyane Wade is getting his own county. By unanimous vote, Miami-Dade County commissioners declared yesterday that the area would be known as "Miami-Wade County" from July 1-7, a week that coincides with the start of NBA free agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Fans give jerseys rough ride

In a province where football fans are said to bleed green, some are seeing red over the Saskatchewan Roughriders' new retro jerseys. The red-and-black retro jerseys were unveiled yesterday as part of the team's centennial celebrations. Some fans on the team's website were critical of the choice even before the jersey was unveiled. They quoted a Riders song that says "green is the colour." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lakers force Game 7

(Series tied 3-3)

Celtics 67 **Lakers** 89

VS

Kobe Bryant scored 26 points, Pau Gasol added 17 points and 13 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Lakers emphatically extended the NBA finals to a decisive seventh game with a 89-67 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 6 last night.

Ron Artest added 15 points for the Lakers, who stared down elimination by jumping to a 22-point lead during a dazzling first half. With remarkable ease, the defending champions stretched the finals to the limit. A champion will be crowned tomorrow night at Staples Center.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett tries to hold on to the ball under pressure from Los Angeles Lakers Kobe Bryant, left, Derek Fisher and Pau Gasol, right, last night in Los Angeles.

Ray Allen scored 19 points for the Celtics, who took an ugly pratfall on the verge of winning their unprecedented 18th title. It turns out their longtime rivals are still quite serious about earning their 16th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods looks at a putt on the first hole during a practice round yesterday for the U.S. Open golf tournament.

Tiger still trying to sharpen game ahead of U.S. Open

GOLF Tiger Woods says his health is better and his game is progressing as he returns to Pebble Beach for the first time in eight years to play the U.S. Open.

No one, however, is counting on another 15-shot victory by Woods.

This is only his fifth tournament of the year, and he has managed to finish only 13 rounds.

Woods still is not sharp, except when it comes to answering questions about his personal life. One reporter asked if there had been a resolution to his marriage, and Woods barked back, "That's none of your business."

Woods played 13 practice holes before calling it a day because the back nine was clogged with players on a chilly morning.

After five months off while coping with the fallout from his extramarital affairs, Woods tied for fourth at the Masters in a remarkable performance. The three tournaments since then have been anything but remarkable. He missed the cut at Quail Hollow. He was in the middle of the pack at The Players Championship when he withdrew from the final round with a neck injury. He was just another player at Muirfield Village two weeks ago when he tied for 19th at the Memorial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati

YESTERDAY'S INTERLEAGUE RESULTS

Boston 6 Arizona 3
Chicago White Sox 6 Pittsburgh 4
Detroit 7 Washington 4
Minnesota 9 Colorado 3
N.Y. Mets 7 Cleveland 6
N.Y. Yankees 8 Philadelphia 3
Texas 3 Florida 2
Kansas City 15 Houston 7
Tampa Bay at Atlanta
Oakland at Chicago Cubs
Seattle at St. Louis
Milwaukee at L.A. Angels
Toronto at San Diego
Baltimore at San Francisco

NBA PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Lakers 89 Boston 67

PAST CHAMPIONS

2008-09 - Los Angeles Lakers
2007-08 - Boston Celtics
2006-07 - San Antonio Spurs
2005-06 - Miami Heat
2004-05 - San Antonio Spurs
2003-04 - Detroit Pistons
2002-03 - San Antonio Spurs
2001-02 - Los Angeles Lakers
2000-01 - Los Angeles Lakers
1999-00 - Los Angeles Lakers
1998-99 - San Antonio Spurs
1997-98 - Chicago Bulls
1996-97 - Chicago Bulls
1995-96 - Chicago Bulls

Habs buy out Laraque

Georges Laraque and the Montreal Canadiens officially parted ways yesterday when the NHL club announced it would buy out the ostracized enforcer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Another kick at the can for an ex-Argo?

Justin Medlock back on radar after NFL release

Kicker Justin Medlock has been released by the NFL's Washington Redskins, opening the door for his possible return to the Toronto Argonauts.

JIM RANKIN/TORONTO STAR

Kicker Justin Medlock, shown here at an Argonauts practice in 2009, has been released by the NFL's Washington Redskins.

And, in a move that makes room for the former UCLA star to come back to the job he performed so well last season, the Argos late yesterday released import kicker Robert Dehaze, who booted the winning 22-yard field goal with 51 seconds left in Sunday's 13-10 pre-season win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Canadian Grant Shaw, who like Dehaze was 2-for-2 Sunday, is now the lone kicker in training camp.

Earlier yesterday, Argos brass made it clear Medlock was very much on their radar screen.

"Obviously, he's as good a kicker as there is in the league so we'll just wait and see what happens," head coach Jim Barker said of the 26-year-old Medlock, who was 40-of-46 on field goal attempts in 2009, his first CFL season. Both Barker and general manager Adam Rita said they had yet to speak with Medlock. Rita said he received an email from the kicker as well as a phone message from his agent, but wanted to discuss the situation with the coaching staff before responding.

Medlock was a fifth-round draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs in 2007. He made the team but was released following a season-opening loss to the Houston Texans. He signed with the St. Louis Rams in 2008 but was released before the season began.

Medlock was one of the few bright spots as the Argos went 3-15 in a disastrous 2009. He not only hit 87 per cent of his field goals and all 22 of his convert attempts, but showed steady improvement punting the ball, averaging 42.3 yards on 120 kicks.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jays sign 14 draft picks

BASEBALL Last week the Blue Jays selected 56 players in the first draft of the Alex Anthopoulos era, and yesterday afternoon the team announced 14 of those players had signed contracts with the team.

The team's top draft pick, Georgia Tech pitcher Deck McGuire, remains unsigned, but Toronto has agreed to terms with two other right-handed pitchers drafted in the early rounds — Aaron Sanchez (34th overall) and Noah Syndergaard (38th overall).

Both Sanchez and Syndergaard were sandwich draft picks, selected between the first and second rounds as compensation for the off-season departure of free agents Marco Scutaro and Rod Barajas.

The list of signees also includes outfielder Marcus Knecht, a North York native whom the Jays drafted between the second and third rounds, 113th overall.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Izzo to stay put at Michigan State

BASKETBALL Tom Izzo is staying at Michigan State, turning down a chance to coach the Cleveland Cavaliers and perhaps LeBron James.

Tom Izzo

"I'm pleased to say I am here for life at Michigan State," Izzo said in a statement released by the school last night.

For the past nine days, Izzo has been trying to decide whether to leave the place that has been his home since 1983 and jump to the NBA to perhaps make $6 million — doubling his salary — and possibly coaching one of the best basketball players in the world.

"Just as I decided to stay home, I hope a 6-8, 270-pound forward in Cleveland decides to stay home," Izzo said in a statement.

James' uncertain future will make for a difficult decision for any prospective Cavs coach. The 25-year-old superstar is unlikely to tip his hand publicly before free agency begins July 1.

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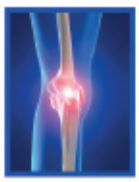

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Rodriguez may start for Argentina

Maxi Rodriguez could start in place of ailing Juan Sebastian Veron in Argentina's match against South Korea, Argentina team spokesman Andres Ventura said yesterday. Ventura said a final decision on Veron's status for tomorrow's match had yet to be made. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup

Fans flocking in

The number of World Cup fans who have come to South Africa so far already approaches the most optimistic estimates for the tournament, according to the immigration ministry, which put the figure at more than 450,000 yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Spaniards 'flattered'

GROUP H PREVIEW

Spain vs. **Switzerland**

VS

The last time Spain played in South Africa it was stunned by the United States in the Confederations Cup semi-finals. That is the Spaniards' only loss in 49 games, and they won a European Championship in that span.

They begin pursuit of their first World Cup title today when they play Switzerland in Durban, the last nations to get under way in the tournament.

"There's high expectations because of our trajectory over the past years, people see we can play well and that's positive," striker David Villa said. "I wouldn't say it's pressure, it's more like flattery."

Spain plays an attractive style featuring plenty of passing, exquisite ball control and a knack for scoring timely goals. And in Iker Casillas, it has one of the world's best goalkeepers.

The Group H match concludes the first set of opening-round games. Earlier today, Honduras faces Chile at Nelspruit, while South Africa takes on Uruguay at Pretoria.

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Brazil's Blumer Elano scores his side's second goal against North Korea yesterday at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg.

Tough nut to crack

Brazilians have hard time against North Korean defence

GROUP G RESULTS

Brazil 2 **North Korea** 1

VS

Maicon and Elano scored a goal each as Brazil broke through a solid North Korean defence to win their opening World Cup match 2-1 yesterday.

Brazil escaped with a hard-fought victory in the Group G match after struggling to get past the defensive setup of the North Koreans, who are making their first World Cup appearance in 44 years and arrived as the tournament's lowest-ranked team.

"The opener is always harder," Brazilian coach Dunga said. "There is the anxiety, the players are more nervous than usual, trying to do too much. But we are satisfied."

Maicon scored at Ellis Park after a through ball from midfielder Elano in the 55th minute, making a run on the right side and shooting into the far corner from a tight angle as North Korea goalkeeper Ri Myong Guk went for the cross.

Elano then added to the lead in the 72nd after a well-timed pass from Robinho, finding the net with a one-timer from inside the area.

Ji Yun Nam pulled one back for North Korea in the 89th with a left-footer from inside the area.

The victory gives Brazil first place in the group after Portugal and the Ivory Coast drew 0-0 in their opener earlier yesterday.

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First point for New Zealand

• Winston Reid headed in an injury-time goal yesterday to give New Zealand a 1-1 draw with Slovakia at the World Cup. Shane Smeltz crossed the ball for Reid to head in at the near post, giving New Zealand its first point at a World Cup after going winless in its debut in 1982.

SCOREBOARD

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
South Africa	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Mexico	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Uruguay	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

TODAY'S GAME
South Africa vs. Uruguay, 2:30 p.m.
THURSDAY'S GAME
Mexico vs. France, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
South Korea	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Argentina	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Nigeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Argentina vs. South Korea, 7:30 a.m.
Nigeria vs. Greece, 10 a.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
United States	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Algeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

FRIDAY'S GAMES
United States vs. Slovenia, 10 a.m.
England vs. Algeria, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Australia	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

FRIDAY'S GAME
Germany vs. Serbia, 7:30 a.m.
SATURDAY'S GAME
Australia vs. Ghana, 10 a.m.

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Japan	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Cameroon	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Netherlands vs. Japan, 7:30 a.m.
Denmark vs. Cameroon, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
New Zealand	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Paraguay	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
New Zealand 1, Slovakia 1

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Ivory Coast	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
North Korea	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Ivory Coast 0, Portugal 0
Brazil 2 North Korea 1

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honduras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TODAY'S GAMES
Honduras vs. Chile, 7:30 a.m.
Spain vs. Switzerland, 10 a.m.

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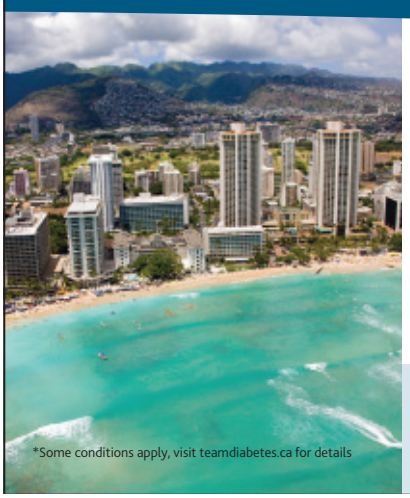

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World Cup

Uninspiring draw

Ronaldo, Drogba fail to find the back of the net

GROUP G RESULT

Portugal 0 Ivory Coast 0

VS

Ivory Coast drew 0-0 with Portugal at the World Cup yesterday, largely outplaying its higher-ranked opponent despite Didier Drogba only coming on as a late substitute.

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo hit the post early, but Ivory Coast otherwise created the better openings in the Group G match.

"It was a tight game, not many occasions to score," Ivory Coast coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said.

"I thought if any team was going to win, it was we. We created some more chances than they did. I am very, very happy with the performance.

LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo is tackled by Ivory Coast's Guy Demel, right, and Emmanuel Eboue during yesterday's World Cup Group G match in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

"If you think about discipline and organization, I think we were organized for all 90 minutes," Eriksson added.

"They have a very good team and a lot of very good footballers, but I think we handled it very well."

Drogba came on as a 66th-minute substitute for Chelsea teammate Salomon Kalou after FIFA cleared him to play with a cast on the arm he broke in a warmup match against Japan June 4.

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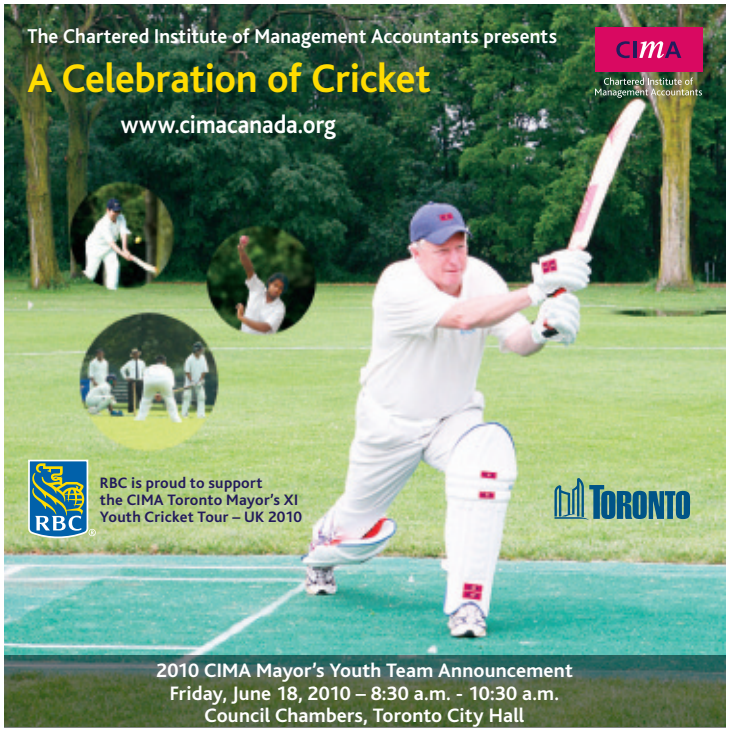

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Confucius Institute comes to Brock

Ontario's Brock University has been granted a Confucius Institute, one of only three in the province. The Office of Chinese Language International will provide $150,000 U.S. in start-up funds, along with up to $100,000 U.S. in annual project-based funding. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Quebec PSE on the precipice

McGill University principal Heather Munroe-Blum addressed the Canadian Club of Montreal this week and talked of the fragile state of PSE in the province. She says the main reason for its shortcomings is that the province has the lowest per-student funding in Canada. Only one Quebec university has cracked the top 100 of any global rankings, or even the top 10 in all three Maclean's rankings.

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At Lasik, the eyes are the prize

Eye surgery clinic co-founders say they never expected coast-to-coast success

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Doctors Mark Cohen and Avi Wallerstein, founders of Lasik MD, are some of the most experienced laser eye surgeons in the world, both performing around 50,000 corrective surgeries.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Dr. Mark Cohen performs eye surgery on a patient.

Fixing eyes with lasers may seem like a concept right out of sci-fi novel but for the Canadian founders of Lasik MD it's a lifelong dream come true.

Doctors Mark Cohen and Avi Wallerstein met in their residency at McGill University and after a stint working together decided to open their own private company in 2001. Lasik MD started with just two clinics in Montreal and Toronto and a call centre located in the basement of a photocopy store, yet today Lasik MD is Canada's largest provider of laser vision correction and has more than 25 clinics coast to coast including their first American clinic in Syracuse, New York.

Cohen says the rapid growth of Lasik MD has been a whirlwind he never foresaw. Starting a business just wasn't part of his original plan and he had to learn business by doing.

"I never expected to run a business or a national company, that was never part of the equation. (Avi and I) didn't have any formal business training, we learned by osmosis, just by exposure to being in the presence of business people. That allowed us an opportunity to develop good business skills," Cohen said.

When they started, Cohen and Wallerstein believed offering laser eye surgery for a cheaper price would increase the volume of surgeries performed dramatically, making it more cost effective and ensuring surgeons would become experienced in the best possible techniques much more quickly. That idea has proven true in practice as today more than 50 Lasik MD surgeons conduct about 60,000 laser vision correction surgeries every year, almost half of all such surgeries done in the Canada.

"I eat, drink and sleep this stuff. This is our profession, we're in it for the long haul."
Lasik MD co-founder
Dr. Mark Cohen

The surgery itself generally takes less than 10 minutes meaning a single surgeon can perform up to 20 surgeries each day and the process is painless, with recovery typically taking only 24-48 hours. Of the roughly half million surgeries Lasik MD has performed since its inception, Cohen and Wallerstein alone have completed more than 50,000 corrective surgeries each making them some of the most experienced laser eye surgeons in the world.

Cohen's enthusiasm for his job still shines through and the best proof is that he still keeps to a full surgery schedule at least two days every week. While he admits enjoying the business side of his life the medical side is still the most important to him and Wallerstein.

"We have no interest in selling the company and going public. I eat, drink and sleep this stuff. This is our profession, we're in it for the long haul," Cohen said.

Labour shortage?

- The hardest part nowadays is finding and training top laser eye surgeons to expand the business.

"One of the challenges in our growth is finding good doctors to do this. There are only about 30 graduates every year in the country who do eye surgery and of those that choose to do laser vision correction there might only be three to five a year," Cohen said.

Cohen and Wallerstein spend a lot of time passing on their extensive skill and knowledge by training new doctors in residency. Collaboration itself is a large component in the company's success, with about half of Lasik MD doctors being equity shareholders in the company and patient consultations often being referred to many surgeons before proceeding. It's part of Cohen's belief that surgeons work best when they work together to refine techniques.

"When you become larger you have to standardize your techniques to raise the quality of the procedure. If you spend your day doing Lasik procedures, you get good at it quickly and we're always interesting in offering the very best quality of care."

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Punitive damages explained
Punitive damages, like the $20,000 that Maki Nishina received in the suit documented in the story below, are usually restricted to the most serious forms of misconduct. DANIEL LUBLIN/FOR METRO CANADA

How not to fire an employee

WorkplaceLaw

I love the tales from the workplace trenches. Those that I select to report are chosen based on a combination of their merit, law, skill — and sometimes error. This is one story of how not to fire an employee.

Maki Nishina was a company success story. Nishina, a Japanese citizen, moved to California and, after graduating, took a job as an assistant with Japanese seafood producer Azuma Foods. When the company opened a seafood processing plant in Richmond, B.C., Nishina was asked to move there and take a promotion as a supervisor in quality control.

Nishina eventually clashed with a manager over a product which, in her view, was not yet approved by Canadian regulators. Shortly afterwards, she was disciplined again for sending an email to her personal email address so she could work from home. When the email bounced back to the company's IT department, Nishina was summoned to a meeting and told that the company could no longer trust her and that she could no longer use its computer system. Distraught about what she perceived to be a demotion, Nishina went back to her desk and cleaned out her personal items and deleted personal emails from her computer.

When Azuma learned Nishina had taken her personal belongings and deleted files from its computer, it decided to fire her, accusing her of taking confidential information.

Since Nishina had only taken her personal items home, she sued the company for wrongful dismissal and for punitive damages based on the manner in which she had been dismissed.

At a recent trial, Azuma was chastised for what the court viewed was its hardball tactics in firing Nishina. The grounds it relied on to fire her were viewed as "weak" and the company's response to Nishina's conduct was out of proportion with her actions, drawing "exaggerated conclusions" about her conduct. Further, the court found that Azuma failed to act in good faith at the time of Nishina's termination, because as a foreign worker on a work permit, she was particularly vulnerable to the company's actions on termination. As a result, the court awarded her an additional $20,000 in punitive damages.

The decision serves as a reminder to employers to tread carefully when dismissing employees or risk facing additional punitive damages that the courts will award when an otherwise garden-variety termination is complicated by unfounded allegations of employee misbehaviour.

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"Employers (should) tread carefully when dismissing employees or risk ... punitive damages."

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One of the ways employees can cut back on workplace weight gain is by heading to the gym during lunch hour, but only nine per cent of employees said they work up a sweat in the middle of the day. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Economy adding to the waistline?

The combination of work stress and economic pressures appears to be playing a role in the labour force's weight gain.

Overall, 44 per cent of workers say they have gained weight in their current jobs, up slightly from 2009, according to a new CareerBuilder survey. Nearly one-third (32 per cent) of workers say that stress contributed to their weight gain at work.

Other factors workers cite for contributing to weight gain in the office include:

- Sitting at a desk most of the day;
- Eating out regularly;
- Skipping meals because of time constraints.

More than one-quarter (28 per cent) of employees report they have gained more than 10 pounds and 12 per cent say they gained more than 20 pounds while in their present positions. Comparing genders, women were more likely to put on weight than men. Half of female workers (50 per cent) say they have gained weight in their current position, compared to 39 percent of their male counterparts.

"Especially in this economy, it is easier to pick up unhealthy eating habits in the office as workers spend more time on heavier workloads and less time on themselves," said Rosemary Haefner, vice president of Human Resources for CareerBuilder. "We continue to see employers offering perks such as gym passes, onsite workout facilities and wellness benefits."

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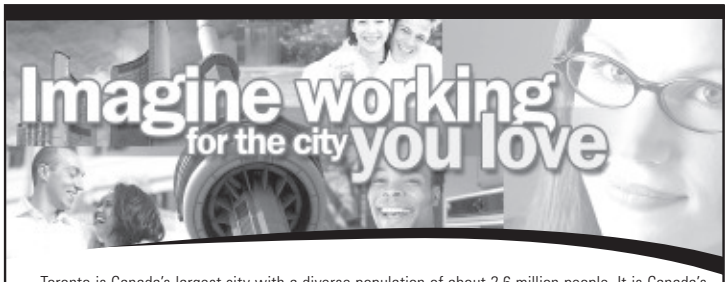

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Range Rover turns 40

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The 2010 Dodge Challenger RT will please fans of old-school muscle cars.

Challenger ripped and retro

Dodge's muscle-car throwback fully ready to rule the road

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Thanks to tremendous loyalty, nostalgia and novelty, there's a unique list of criteria for which driving folks will spend 40-plus large on a Hemi-powered copy of Dodge's latest retro rod, the Challenger.

Sensibility isn't near the top of that list. In fact, for card-carrying Mopar nuts, chances are that considering a Mustang or Camaro amounts to blasphemy punishable by friends and family. In the interests of peace, I won't mention that new rear-drive coupe from Hyundai, either.

The gist? Dodge fans set on a Challenger RT will damn well have their rip-snorting burnout monster, regardless of what some writer says about cheap dashboard plastic, noisy engines or other such fluff.

Challenger RT starts at around $35,000, with a five-speed automatic gearbox and 5.7 litre Hemi V8 that puts over 370 horsepower at the driver's disposal. With the optional six-speed manual transmission installed at a cost of $2,000, drivers can blast very quickly through first, second and third gear before velocity reaches dangerous territory. It's massive fun, backed up by fantastic muscle-car sound effects and plenty of neck-straining torque.

The Challenger (as tested) had a Boston Acoustics stereo and navigation, among other frills.

With the pistol-grip shifter and a just-right amount of mechanical feedback through the driveline, the Challenger RT puts on a heck of a show–and it's full of tough, manly and masculine character. It's also very true to its visual roots, which is a big deal for those shopping out a resurrected piece of their motoring youth.

All in all, Challenger looks and feels a bit old-school, and it's been selling like hotcakes because of it.

There are a few complaints, though. First, rearward visibility is limited, and mirrors are small–which can make lane-changes or parking troublesome for some drivers. The electronic throttle system can occasionally feel numb and unnatural, and the manual transmission occasionally forces drivers to perform a first-to-forth shift to save fuel, which can be frustrating.

Inside, the tester was summertime road-trip ready. There's generous room for even bigger guys and girls, relatively easy entry and exit, adequate room in every direction, and even some adult-friendly rear seats.

2010 Dodge Challenger RT

Type: Sports coupe
Price: $44,125 (as tested)
Engine: 5.7Litre HEMI V8, 375 horsepower
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Highlights

- Great performance experience
- Impressive styling
- Good cruising mileage

Make your car pay you

Instead of one expense after another — or instead of constantly putting your hand in your pocket to pay the costs of running a vehicle — did you know that with a little tender loving care, you can actually make your car pay you?

Increasing gas bills, repair bills, and insurance costs are indeed a reality, but with a bit of dedication, and a plan, you could get a good portion of that money back. It's all tied to vehicle maintenance and to lengthening the life cycle of the vehicle.

"Imagine a savings of $20,000 in car costs," says Freeman Young, president of Krown Rust Control. "A study conducted by Runzheimer Canada shows by extending the life of your car from four, to at least eight years with dedicated maintenance, you stand to keep up to $20,000 in your pocket. Those savings reflect a combination of car payment costs, interest, and reduced insurance costs."

If you want to extend the life of a vehicle you need a sound, body maintenance program, Freeman confirmed. That includes washing, waxing and interior care, among other things. NEWS CANADA

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The firms that comprise the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers' Association (SEMA) are, and have been, at the forefront of creating aftermarket products for those with a need for speed.

Its annual trade show in Las Vegas every November has evolved into one of the biggest car events on the planet.

There might be a few too many "Girls of SEMA" pictorials coming out of the show each year, but that's such a small price to pay for such a celebration of automotive technology.

I recently spoke to Peter MacGillvary, SEMA's vice-president of events and communications, about how some of these so-called performance products, might also be of interest to those of us with a green bent.

"SEMA has its roots in performance and motorsports, and motorsports is really about efficiencies… Squeezing every last bit of potential out of a vehicle," said Peter.

"Efficiencies create power and speed, but also fuel economy."

COLD AIR INTAKE

"The engine is a lot of things, but it's really just a big air pump," said Peter. "The colder the air, the more efficiently it moves through the engine. Cold air intakes are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, and they'll improve both power and fuel economy."

CAT-BACK EXHAUST

Peter notes its illegal to modify the catalytic converter of your exhaust system, nor any part between it and the engine. But anything rear-ward of the converter is all yours.

"A low restrictive cat-back exhaust works on the same principal as the cold air intake — it's all about better air flow. A lot of people who tow horse trailers or boats, will use a combination of a cold air intake and a cat back exhaust system, to help their fuel economy."

ENGINE PROGRAMMING KIT

Yes, throw away your screwdriver and start clicking your mouse. For years now, gearheads with some faculty in computer programming, have been modifying their car's engine management systems, to change up things like shift points, fuel mixtures, torque curves, etc. But Peter tells us that virtually everyone can do it now, with the arrival of super easy-to-use programming kits.

"They make it real easy for you. They ask you want you want to accomplish… More fuel efficiency? More torque for towing? More acceleration? And you can always change it up."

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A tonneau cover not only protects your stuff in the back of your pickup, and looks good, but also make your rig way more aerodynamic.

GREEN TIRES

The industry is moving to tires that have low rolling resistance, to net you more clicks per litre. They're also manufactured more ecologically. But Peter says you can make your current tire "green" by simply buying a very low-tech device, called a tire pressure gauge. It's not a big secret that an underflated tire is a greedy tire.

Finally, if you have a vehicle you're not exactly proud of, the kind you only drive with a bag your head, then consider any performance or cosmetic product. It might "recycle" your pride of ownership.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Spark plug maintenance essential

ENGINE CARE Understanding the essential maintenance practices that keep your car running smoothly doesn't require an extensive automotive background.

If you can't perform the work yourself, knowing when your car needs a visit to your friendly professional technician is just as valuable.

One of the primary practices of engine care is spark plug maintenance. The function of spark plugs in a gasoline engine is to ignite the air-fuel mixture that the engine pumps out, thus starting the ignition.

But, if one or more of the plugs is malfunctioning or worn out, the engine will misfire.

So, to keep your engine functioning properly, changing old, worn or dirty spark plugs should be a priority.

Regular spark plugs typically last up to 48,000 km, whereas platinum plugs can last up to 160,000 km.

In order to help with optimum fuel efficiency and durability, the Autolite team has provided consumers with three different sets of spark plugs to choose from.

For instance, Autolite platinum plugs are designed to reduce gap erosion, decrease engine misfires and have increased durability over the standard copper core plug.

Autolite double platinum plugs virtually eliminate gap erosion, also reduce misfires and provide up to 160,000 km of durability.

"We understand that money is tight these days, but if drivers delay basic auto maintenance it's going to end up costing them more down the road. That's why we've created three top-of-the-line spark plugs that are designed to provide optimum performance, and we guarantee it!" says Megan Currie for Honeywell Consumer Products Group.

NEWS CANADA

Changing old and worn spark plugs should be a priority.

Nighthawk lights up road

Good nighttime visibility is important for Canadian drivers everywhere, especially in locales where changing weather, wandering wildlife and poorly-lit roadways are facts of life.

Thankfully, suffering with sub-bar after-dark illumination is optional–and your local car parts store has a solution to help.

Aftermarket lighting is a booming business, and many manufacturers are also creating replacement headlamp bulbs designed to give drivers higher-quality illumination for safer after-dark travels.

GE recently launched a performance aftermarket bulb series called GE Nighthawk Platinum.

GE's latest are engineered to deliver light of both higher volume and quality. In addition to farther-reaching illumination, shoppers can expect a cleaner, "whiter" colour from the Nighthawk Platinum bulbs compared to the dull, yellow-tinged light that often comes from factory bulbs.

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Do-in-yourselfers homeowners have it pretty good right now.

Spurred on by the dozens of television channels that inspire their viewers to get their hands dirty and gigantic big-box stores open all night to cater to those desires, there's been an upswell in knowledge in the general public.

However, knowledge doesn't always translate into ability, and certain projects still require an expert hand.

The same holds true for car owners looking to save a little money at the mechanics by getting under the hood — they risk damage to their vehicles and themselves if they get something really wrong. So what repairs are reasonably safe to do and which ones should mean a trip to the technician?

Lauren Fix, an ASE certified mechanic, SAE member and television personality on the DIY Network, says, "I've heard about many people who have decided to do involved auto work themselves which can lead to very large bills, or even worse."

She has three do's and don'ts for do-it-yourself car care:

Do check your tire pressure once a month to improve fuel economy, safety, handling, braking and tire life. Do check all the fluids (oil, coolant/antifreeze, power steering, transmission, brake). Do replace wiper blades — it's an easy task. Fix encourages owners to check their manuals for correct tire pressures and fluid types. Also, some auto part stores will replace air filters, batteries, and wiper blades free of charge when you purchase them.

Her don'ts include brake work; major engine, transmission, bearings and bushings, and also clearing a check engine light.

Messing with the complicated anti-lock brakes and other safety systems isn't worth the risk, and the rest "are not beginner jobs."

Canadian Tire spokesperson Vicki Leung agrees, saying that the company recommends those jobs "be left to a licensed mechanic."

Leung also adds things like the starter and alternator, cooling system, exhaust system, steering and suspension are too risky to be tackled without the proper expertise.

Canadian Tire does offer plenty of automotive tools for customers to complete simple do-it-yourself automotive maintenance. But when in doubt, call in a pro.

8-in-1 Tire Gauge and Emergency Tool, $24.99
An excellent multi-tool to keep in your trunk that includes a tire gauge, a magnet that allows it to double as a worklight, emergency hammer, warning light, deflation function, seatbelt cutter, and tire tread-depth measurer. It includes an emergency LED flashlight and features an air releasing function.

OBD II Code Reader, $199.99
This code reader identifies the causes of a "check engine" light, allows you to clear the code, and various icons warn of potential problems. It works on all 1996 and newer cars, trucks and SUVs that are OBDII compliant.

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And don't just take my word for it, ask Chip Foose, one of the high priests of hot rodding and wheel design.

Chip's fame as a hot rodder first spread during his run with Boyd Coddington, where he was responsible for many an award-winning custom creations, like 1995's "Smoothster" and 1996's "Boydster."

His success with those vehicles and others got him inducted into the Hot Rod of Fame in 1997 at the tender age of 35 (the youngest inductee ever).

After that he and his wife, Lynne, started Foose Design, which has a long list of automotive and film clients (he designed the vehicles for such films, as RoboCop, Blade Runner, and Gone in 60 Seconds).

Q Is there anything that wouldn't look better lowered, and with larger wheels and tires?

A Well, I don't know… maybe a house? When you get a proper proportioned wheel and tire, and lower the body, so the wheel well is working with the wheel, it's always going to look better. I think most (automaker) designers would want to design them that way, but they need the body up, so there is some ride, it meets all their regulations, and that it works with the (smaller-diameter original-equipment) tires.

Q Why are people so fascinated with automotive aesthetics?

A Why do people like supermodels? If something is great to look at, it's also fun to be seen with… Same thing with automobiles, go with something that puts some fun in your life."

Q Do you have any rules when it comes to aesthetics?

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TOYOTA grad program

Smart enough to tighten seatbelt

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for Metro Canada

Of all the safety items on your vehicle, one of the simplest but most effective is the seatbelt. Still, there's always room for improvement, as Infiniti has done with its pre-crash seatbelts.

Similar to systems used by several other manufacturers, Infiniti's belts take up any slack just prior to an imminent collision.

"We know that seatbelts are the single best way of reducing injury," says Ian Forsyth, director of corporate planning for Nissan Canada.

"We want the seatbelt to be properly situated and without any slack, so the occupant is sitting properly in the seat so it can provide protection."

The belts, which are tightened by a small electric motor, are tied into the vehicle's overall pre-crash safety system. This includes Intelligent Brake Assist, which uses radar to determine how fast the driver is coming up to a vehicle in front, and sends a warning and then applies the brakes if a collision may be imminent.

The pre-crash seatbelts tighten up, as they do if the driver slams the brakes hard, or steers hard and suddenly.

The seatbelts also contain pyrotechnic pretensioners, which use an actuator similar to that used to deploy airbags.

The pre-crash belt motors snug the seatbelts when a crash is possible, while the pyrotechnic devices operate only in a crash, tightening the belts firmly in milliseconds. Pyrotechnic pretensioners only go off once and must then be replaced, while the pre-crash motors work whenever they're needed.

Driving Force

Nissan's pre-crash seatbelts are available in the new Infiniti M.

"You can feel it when you get into the car and you latch the belt," Forsyth says. "The system retracts the seatbelt and pulls it a little tighter. You can move against it if you want, but it has determined that the belt is where it should be."

Seatbelts hold you in place so that other safety devices do their jobs properly. They ensure proper placement of the head and neck so that active front head restraints, which move forward to help prevent whiplash, will support the spine properly. The belts also keep the body correctly positioned for airbag deployment: the bags can save your life in a crash, but if you're not sitting properly, the force of their inflation can be dangerous or even deadly. A loose seatbelt can even be a problem in itself: if you're thrown forward so that the belt "catches" you, the sudden force could cause internal injuries or broken bones.

"The idea is to get the slack out of the system so the person doesn't move around in the event of a collision."
Nissan's Ian Forsyth

"People may have moved around in their seats, and you don't want any slack," Forsyth says. "The idea is to get the slack out of the system so the person doesn't move around in the event of a collision."

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F-150 SVT Raptor adds power

The Ford F-150 SVT Raptor already has proven itself as a one-of-a-kind high-performance truck. Now, the introduction of an optional 6.2-litre V-8 engine offers customers even more power for their off-road adventures.

With 411 horsepower and 434 lb/ft of torque, the new engine makes the F-150 SVT Raptor the most powerful half-ton pickup on the market.

Low-speed manoeuvres, such as rock crawling, driving up a grade or accelerating through deep sand, require much less throttle input because of the increased torque.

The exhaust for the 6.2-litre engine was uniquely tuned to deliver the performance-oriented, high-horsepower sound customers want. Additionally, a unique firing order gives the 6.2-litre a distinctive roar.

The 6.2-litre engine is unique from the 5.4-litre engine that launched with the F-150 SVT Raptor. Everything from the block to the cylinder heads is new, giving Ford engineers a clean-slate approach to a new architecture.

A revised off-road mode transmission calibration on the 6.2-litre holds gears longer for improved high-performance off-road driving and makes the throttle response more linear so that off-road driving is easier.

The 6.2-litre V-8 engine is the same engine used in the all-new 2011 Super Duty, but with unique tuning and a unique cam profile to produce more horsepower and torque.

It's similar to the race-prepped engine that powered Raptor R to a podium finish at the 41st Tecate SCORE Baja 1000 in 2008 and completed every mile of the 2009 Best in the Desert series.

"We spent a lot of time developing our desert durability test so that it's very close to replicating the Baja 1000," said Kerry Baldori, SVT chief functional engineer.

"Desert testing proved to be a very quick way to learn about the reliability of the truck and it put another level of extreme loads on the engine that our normal durability testing doesn't cover."

Ford's Special Vehicle Team (SVT) taps into the off-road enthusiast market to deliver the ultimate off-road performance truck — the Ford F-150 SVT Raptor. Ford has just added an optional 6.2-litre V-8 engine that offers customers even more power.

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MODEL: 2002 to 2006 Nissan Altima
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan
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HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: The last-generation Nissan Altima did an important thing for one of the brand's most popular cars: namely catapulting it into the world of desirable and attainable sports sedans like its larger brother, the Maxima.

Larger and more powerful than any Altima before it, the 2002 to 2006 version got available V6 power, plenty of options and a responsive, performance-oriented chassis that was codenamed "FF-L" by Nissan engineers.

Standard was a 2.5 litre four-cylinder engine with five-speed manual transmission or four-speed automatic. Altima was also available with a new 3.5 litre V6 with 240 to 250 horsepower, depending on the year in question.

V6-powered Altima units got a five-speed transmission in either manual or automatic, as well as dual exhaust. All models were front-wheel drive.

Options available included a sunroof, CD-Changer, power leather seats, automatic lights, heated mirrors, and a tilting and telescoping steering column.

Finally, a rare Altima SE-R model was available with several visual and performance upgrades, as well as a 260-horsepower version of the V6 engine under its hood.

Note that aside from the SE-R, Nissan used trim-levels S, SE and SL for entry, mid-range and top-line Altimas of this generation, respectively.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: According to the majority of last-generation Altima owners polled online, styling, performance, responsiveness and even the optional Bose stereo system are highly rated. Most owners say the Altima is roomy, comfortable and easy to board and exit, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints stated include a large turning circle and associated parking difficulties, as well as a noisy ride and below-expected gas mileage. Finally, owners often note that this generation Altima was fitted with "cheaper" trim and larger interior panel gaps than a comparable Camry or Accord. A 2005 interior refresh addressed these complaints.

COMMON ISSUES: On a test-drive, check out all interior components, including the glovebox, power seats, all switches, the air conditioner and the stereo.

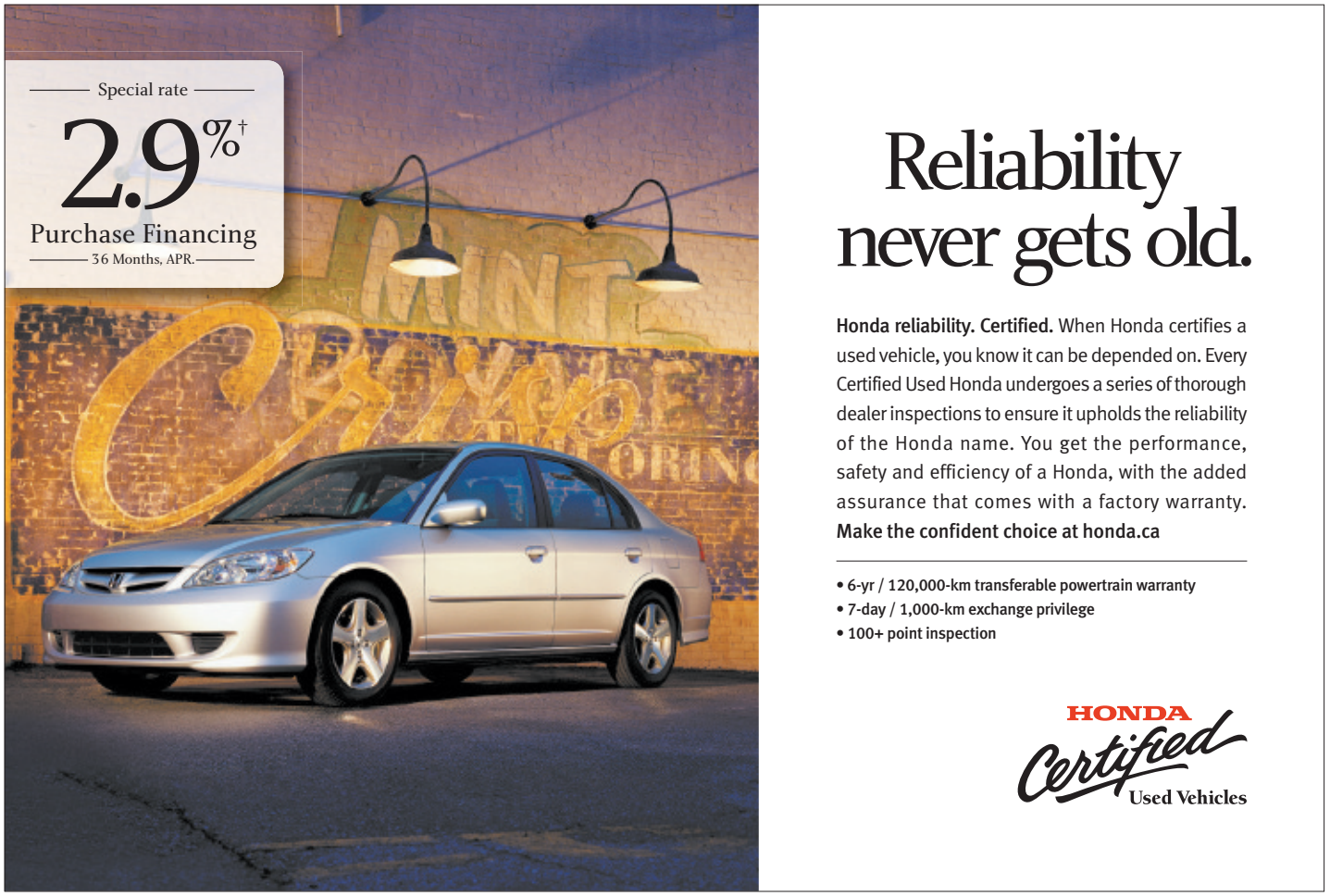
Ensure the engine idles, cruises and accelerates smoothly and that no "check engine" lights are illuminated– especially on earlier four-cylinder powered models. Hesitation and sputtering should be investigated and diagnosed prior to purchase, as they could be caused by failure of one or more expensive sensors. Several recalls were eventually issued to address these sensor-related problems.

Are you a performance buff who's considering the V6 engine? Here's justification for choosing it: the Altima's four-cylinder powerplant had well-documented issues with oil consumption, defective emissions control parts and even engine failure.

These problems were addressed later in the Altima's life, though the V6 looks like the more reliable bet — especially where an earlier model is concerned.

Finally, check for floorpan rust and moisture in the carpeting, which could be the result of excessive rust on some models.

THE VERDICT: Opt for as new a used Altima as your budget allows — and go for the V6 on earlier models where possible.



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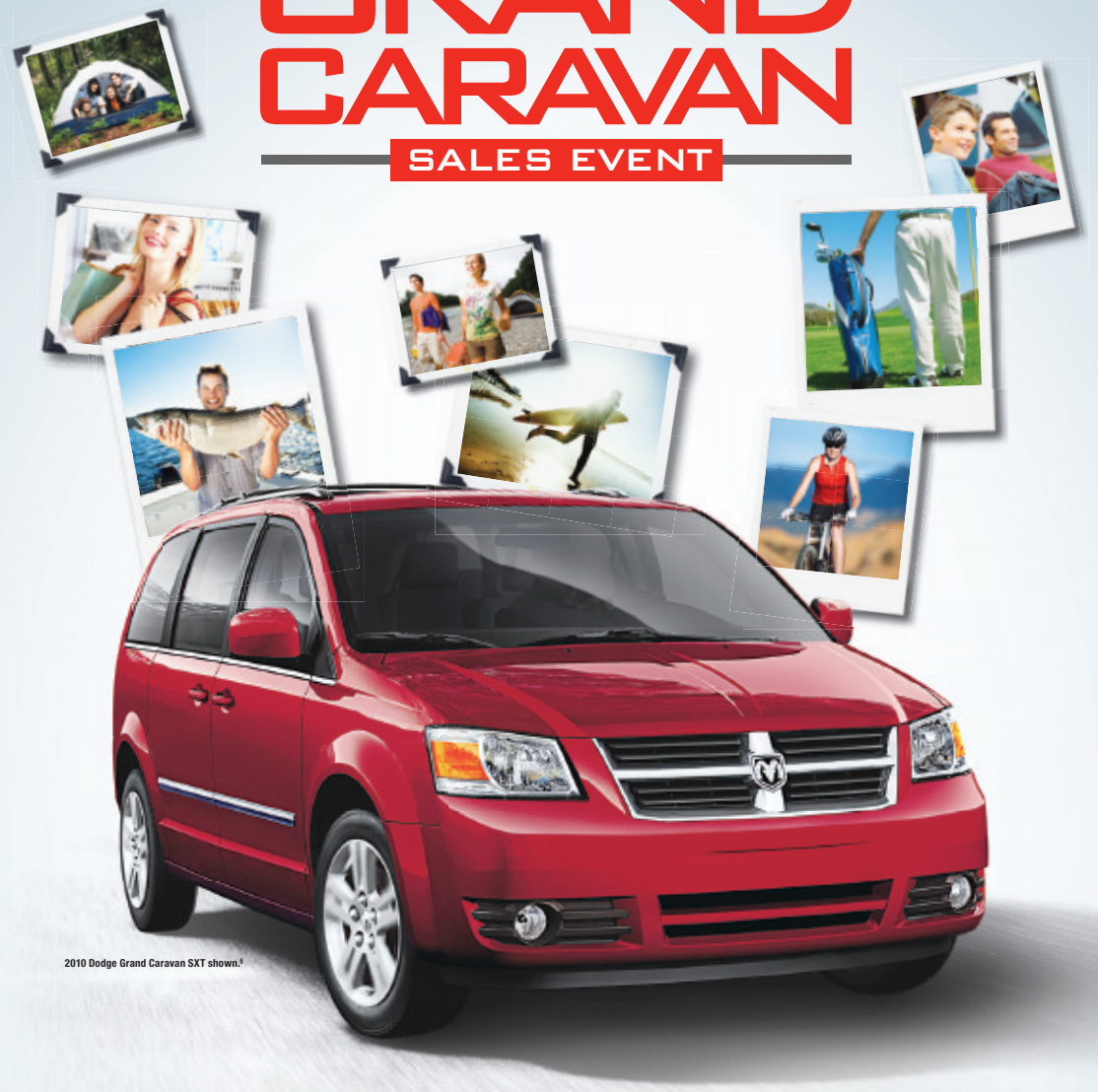

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There's a gadget for everyone

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Auto motive accessories are not just for gearheads. If you take the time to find them, there's a product for every person. Here are some of our suggestions to get you started:

THE TECH GEEK

• Travelling with an iPhone, GPS and laptop? Hard to keep them all charged on the go, but this Smart AC 120 Power Inverter from ThinkGeek.com is the solution. It has one three-prong outlet and one powered USB outlet, and there's an alarm and low-voltage shut-off to save your car battery's life. Only $39.99 at thinkgeek.com/gadgets/car/90f9/

The Garmin Nuvi 3790T

• The best of Garmin's new GPS systems is the ultra-thin Nüvi 3790T. It does what most other GPS systems do — tell you where to go, listen to voice commands, connect your cell phone with Bluetooth — but it's best feature is called nüRoute. It essentially learns your daily commute and driving habits, and tailors its routes to avoid traffic jams accordingly and provide a more accurate ETA. From $469.99 at major retailers.

The Yada Bluetooth Rear View Mirror

MOM ON THE GO

• Mom's have a difficult time driving with distractions that they don't need another one sticking in their ear. The typical hands-free headset is awkward and difficult to use. Fear not: this Yada Bluetooth Rear View Mirror solves all these problems. It's inconspicuous, and it includes voice dialling, storage for 600 numbers, and incoming calls are displayed directly in the rear-view mirror. The batteries last for 25 hours of talk time and 650-hours of standby time. Only $149.99 at Canadian Tire.

• The hassle of jumping a dead battery is no more. Witness the Michelin Smart Cables, which unlike traditional cables, can be attached to any pole on either battery, and in any order. The large device in the middle sorts all of those measly details out without Mom getting zapped. They also come in a hard carrying case that's easy to stow. You can find them at Zellers for $39.99.

DRIVING ENTHUSIAST

• Driving enthusiasts think about their favourite roads all the time. Even at the office. So what better way to learn your workplace's racing 'lines' than with an official office chair from Recaro? The Sport looks like the original-equipment seats that Recaro supplies to manufacturers like Porsche, BMW, Aston Martin, Lamborghini and more, but comes attached to castors instead of a car. It's a little spendy at $1,499, but what price comfort? You can find it – and others – at racechairs.com in dozens of colour and trim combinations.

Kurgo Tire Toes

The car clothes travel bar by Travelon is a perfect solution for professionals on the go.

• There's nothing worse than those flimsy tire wrappers that most shops throw on your rubber after it's been swapped off your car. They rip, don't fit and get dirty very easily. The solution is to get some Kurgo Tire Totes, which are made of hefty polyester, feature rugged handles for carrying, and won't get your clothes dirty. And you can wash them between seasons too. They fit most tires — anything from 22-inches to 31-inches — and are inexpensive – only $19.99 for two bags. You can by direct from the company at kurgostore.com/products/Seasonal-Tire-Tote.html

ROAD WARRIOR

• While only some provinces do outlaw talking on a cellphone without a hands-free, it's a smart idea regardless of legislation to keep your phone down. The Aliph Jawbone is a stylish, simple Bluetooth headset that has seen rave reviews. Prices start at $99. Jawbone.com

• Travelling in a rental car – or your own vehicle – for days on end making sales calls means travelling with a suitcase. To avoid having to press clothes every night in a hotel, this car clothes travel bar by Travelon is the solution. It's extendable and attaches to the rear-seat grab handles, allowing you to keep your suits wrinkle-free. And dividers keep the clothes from sliding across the bar when you turn corners. Only $29.99 at TravelOasis.com.

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• Getting rid of funky smells in your ride usually means using some nasty chemicals to get the stench out. For those wishing for a more conscious option, Fresh Wave Pearls might be the answer. Used by Hertz worldwide to get rid of lingering cigarette and food odours, the Fresh Wave Pearl Packs use purified water and plant oils to get rid of the smells — not just cover them up. Available for $19.99 at major retailers.

• When getting away from it all includes pedal power, making sure your bicycles end up with you in one piece is crucial. The rear-mounted Thule 961XT Speedway 2 Bike carrier provides the best fit of any other carrier, and its T3 cradles hold bikes in place for maximum protection and stability. The cradle arms hold a wide range of bike frames, including children's rides too. Just $139.99.

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The fastest and most powerful road-going sports car in the company's history, the new 911 GT2 RS is the new king of the hill in Porsche's sports-car lineup, delivering truly blistering performance on the road and track.

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Limited to a maximum of just 500 units worldwide, at a price of $297,000, the 911 GT2 RS not just explosively fast; it will be extremely exclusive and expensive as well.

Weighing just 1,370 kg in road trim with all fluids on board and packing 620 horsepower, the 911 GT2 RS is the ultimate exemplar of the Porsche Intelligent Performance philosophy.

Despite producing a whopping 90 more horsepower than the 911 GT2, lightweight construction reduces weight by 70 kg and results in an incredible power-to-weight ratio of just 2.21 kg/hp.

Lighter weight and increased efficiency also result in lower fuel consumption and CO2 emissions — both reduced by about five per cent versus the 911 GT2.

To deliver its enormous power, the 3.6-litre, six-cylinder boxer engine is boosted by two turbochargers with variable turbine geometry. It transmits drive to the rear wheels exclusively via a six-speed manual gearbox.

The results are acceleration times more in keeping with a pure race car than a road-bound sports car: 0-100 km/h in 3.5 seconds, 0-200 km/h in just 9.8 seconds, and 0-300 km/h in 28.9 seconds, with a top track speed of 330 km/h. Equally astonishing stopping power comes courtesy of standard Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes (PCCB).

Developed specifically for the 911 GT2 RS, tires measuring 245/35 ZR 19 at the front and 325/30 ZR 19 at the rear deliver cornering performance to match the straight-line speed.

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Ralston living in his Rondo

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Name: John Ralston

Who he is: Canadian actor, currently starring in HBO Canada's critically acclaimed series Living in Your Car, about fallen corporate exec Steve Unger who ends up living in his luxury car. Ralston has also starred in Flash Gordon and Life with Derek, among other TV shows.

What he drives: A charcoal 2008 Kia Rondo EX-V6.

Why the Kia? My wife and I had driven a Nissan Altima for 10 years and we started a family and needed to accommodate two kids. I personally think it's the most underrated family car around. It's like a cross between a shrunken minivan and a hatchback. It regularly seats five, but it's got a third row that can be flipped up so it can potentially seat seven. It's drives like a compact but has an amazing amount of room and headspace. There's also a whole slew of standard safety feature that, as parents, we wanted — mobility control, traction control, side curtain airbags all the way down.

John Ralston can be seen in the HBO series Living In Your Car.

Your favourite feature: I guess the fact that it's a unique drive. It's obviously not as low as a regular sedan and it's not as high as an SUV, which we had no use for, but it fits somewhere in between and makes it fun to drive. It also comes with 17-inch alloy wheels, so it's really stable.

What type of driver are you? I'm a pretty conservative, cautious driver. I think my wife enjoys driving much more than I do. To be honest, we're not too far from the subway and most of my appointments are on the subway line, so I take it a lot. You need a certain amount of patience driving in Toronto.

What's your dream car? I don't consider myself much of a car guy. But I had a ride in a friend's Audi S5 the other day and it's quite an amazing vehicle. So, you know, maybe an Audi. I got home that night and started thinking about it.

What would we find in your glove compartment? My wheel lock, a tire gauge, I keep track of all my mileage for work, receipts for car stuff, children's Gravol for those road trips we take, wipes, hand sanitizer and CDs. I always play a CD before an audition. The type of music depends on the type of audition I'm going to. The most recent one I've been listening to is an Ella Fitzgerald one called Pure from the early '50s.

"(The Kia Rondo is) a unique drive. It's obviously not as low as a regular sedan and it's not as high as an SUV, which we had no use for, but it fits somewhere in between and makes it fun to drive."
Actor John Ralston

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at Homemakers, Canadian Living, Canadian House & Home and, most recently, Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

Acura MDX tops in mag's SUV test

RATING The 2010 Acura MDX posted an "Excellent" overall score topping Consumer Reports tests of four luxury SUVs for the June 2010 issue.

The Acura MDX earned an overall road-test score of 85, outperforming the Land Rover LR4 which earned a "Very Good" 73, the new Lincoln MKT, which earned a "Very Good" 72, and the Audi Q7 which earned a "Very Good" 68.

With an improved powertrain that yields better acceleration and fuel economy, the MDX is now CR's top-rated three-row luxury SUV. Only the MDX is Recommended among the four SUVs in this test group.

CR only Recommends vehicles that have performed well in its tests, have at least average predicted reliability based on CR's annual auto survey of its more than seven million print and web subscribers, and performed at least adequately if crash-tested or included in a government rollover test.

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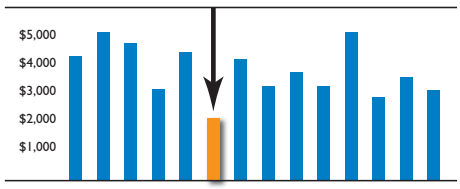

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S400 luxury with a dash of green

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

Call it a form of discrimination if you will, but the well-heeled looking for a dash of green in their uber luxury sedans have had slim pickin's here in North America. Only the Lexus LS 600h was on the menu, which currently carries a tag $119,950.

Dream Car

The cabin is exquisitely crafted and beautiful to behold.

Rich folks need to assuage their eco-quilt too, and now that green is a growing part of our collective consciousness, Mercedes-Benz jumps in with the 2010 S400 BlueHybrid starting at $105,900.

Unlike Lexus' complex "full" hybrid system that allows the car to run solely on electric power under certain conditions, Mercedes goes for the simpler "mild" system here, similar to Honda's IMA (Integrated Motor Assist).

Sandwiched between the Atkinson-cycle 3.5L V6 and seven-speed auto is a magneto-electric motor that provides up to 20 hp and 118 lb.-ft. of torque.

It also acts as a starter and generator, capturing kinetic energy under braking and deceleration and sending it to the compact lithium-ion battery pack that lives under the hood. This leaves the trunk space unscathed.

Combined output is 295 horsepower and 284 lb.-ft. of torque. Compared to the V8-powed S-Class sedans, the hybrid's throttle tip-in is quite tepid, but there is some brisk acceleration to be found further down the throttle travel.

Other fuel saving measures include tweaked aerodynamics, electric powered air con, low rolling resistance tires, no weighty and power sapping all wheel drive, engine auto-stop function and transmission mapping that calls for early upshifts.

Hybrid-hype aside, does the limo deliver? After about six hours of 120 km/h serenity during a family trip to Ohio, the display showed 8.3L/100 km of premium fuel consumed. In urban driving, it returned 11.5. Not bad for a 2109 kg luxury sedan.

Mercedes-Benz, more than most automakers, understands the concept of a premium long distance touring car.

Buyers in this market seek comfort, stability and refinement, and in this respect, the S-Class is arguably the best of its kind.

The only fly in the ointment is some jerkiness in the regenerative braking.

The cabin is exquisitely crafted and beautiful to behold. Furthering this coddling experience were the dynamic multi-contour front seats, part of the $6100 Premium Package. Trimmed in supple perforated beige leather, these infinitely adjustable marvels massaged our backs, ventilated our butts and actively bolstered us while cornering.

2010 Mercedes-Benz S400 BlueHybrid

Type: Luxury hybrid sedan
Price: from $105,900
Engine: 3.5L V6 with 20 hp electric motor
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- Many fuel saving measures
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Travel

Spain topping the list

Spain's impressive cultural heritage has once again been recognized by an international organization. Spain now holds the honour of being the second country in the world with the highest number of monuments declared as World Heritage by the UNESCO. Added to this legacy, an incredibly rich and varied gastronomy and a nightlife is making Spain a key destination for those who wish to experience a new culture this summer. For more info visit spain.info METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Austin

Texas' rock 'n' roll heart

If you can stomach the Sweet Home Albama feel at times, Austin, Texas, is one of the best places in the South to relax, drink beer and listen to live music.

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

The "Welcome to Texas" road sign takes pride in noting that it's the "Home of George W Bush."

The idea that having spawned Dubbya should give you bragging rights rather than a lifetime of humbly apologizing will leave many travellers slightly perplexed. But this is Texas and, as far as most people here are concerned, Texas is it's own nation state. And, a somewhat fiercely Republican one at that.

Except for Austin.

Pretty much since the beatniks were the last word in cool (daddio), Austin has been an oasis of liberalism, free-spirits, open minds, jazz, blues, rock and dope. All of which makes it a pretty sexy little hang-out.

Stroll down Sixth Street to walk through music history.

It's been said that every second of every day someone, somewhere in Austin is playing Sweet Home Alabama. But, if you can stomach that, then Austin is one of the best cities in the world to drink beer and chill. This city is Texas' secret beatnik hippy heart. Oh and it really loves its music.

IT'S MY FIRST TIME, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Head for the Fifth and Sixth Street districts. Antone's, on 5th, is properly cool and has played host to official and impromptu jams by everyone from Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker to Billy Gibbons and The Edge.

If you must get a bit more contemporary then Emo's on Red River offers live music of a punk-edged variety. So that's 1977 covered then.

I'VE BEEN BEFORE, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Try the all-encompassing (and free) walking tour of the historic Capitol Building. Much of Austin's history revolves around government and politics and this stunning pink granite building with extensive gardens is the centrepiece. Just what pioneer and "Father of Texas" Stephen F Austin would make of the slackers and stoners in Sixth Street is anyone's guess. But his role has largely been superseded by Stevie Ray Vaughan anyway.

A southern oasis free of rednecks

WHERE'S THE BEST SHOPPING?

You want to shop? In Austin? Chill out man. Okay, there's a pretty funky Whole Foods Market on Sixth and Lamar and the Sunday Gospel Brunch (aka Hippie Church) at Maria's Taco Xpress on Lamar Blvd is very cool.

WHAT'S THE NIGHT LIFE LIKE?

Pretty sensational. More than 200 live music venues, pubs, clubs and bars are crammed into this fairly compact city so the choice is yours.

WHERE SHOULD I STAY?

The classiest choice is probably the Driskill Hotel, at 604 Brazos Street. It's Austin's oldest and feels right — about $100 a night. A bit pricier, but achingly cool, is the San Jose Hotel.

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Empire State Building gets a facelift
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Iceburgs and snow capped peaks await in Argentina as Patagonia's frigid beauty will stretch your imagination.

The edge of the Earth

Patagonia's towering peaks will naturally leave you wondering

NICK BOULOS
Metro World News

To be fully experienced, Tierra del Fuego is one destination that should be seen by boat.

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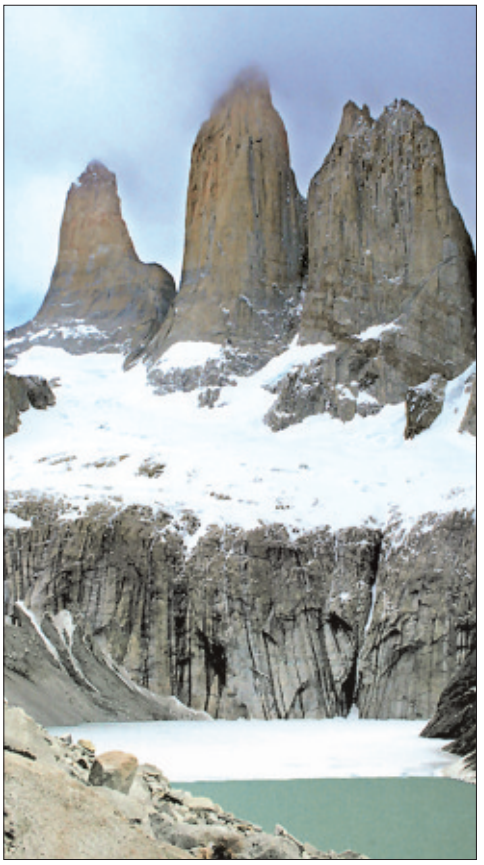

Argentina's peaks are some of the highest in the world.

I heard the ice before I saw it. A deep, earthy crunching sound rattled the frosty air as the glacier carved. A block broke away and crashed into the lake far below with an almighty splash. I was stunned into silence.

The Perito Moreno glacier in Argentina's Los Glaciares National Park is no ordinary glacier. Stretching for 30km, this solid ice mass is the same size as the nation's capital, Buenos Aires — a sobering thought as I studied the dazzling shades of blue glistening within the deep crevices and cavities.

The glacier creates a natural and utterly impenetrable border across the channel of water littered with floating icebergs. To truly appreciate its scale, I took to the water. The vessel cruised Argentina's largest lake only 100ft or so away from the glacier's frozen walls that towered 60 metres above the surface, dwarfing us completely. And, amazingly, Perito Moreno is just one of Patagonia's heavyweight natural wonders.

This alluring sliver of South America, which encompasses both Argentina and Chile, is renowned for its vast, untouched landscapes in the shadows of the Andes.

My first view of these impressive peaks came as we touched down in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Situated on the island of Tierra del Fuego and separated from Chile by the moody Beagle Channel, most travellers venture to this remote and compact community at the end of the world to board ships bound for Antarctica.

A sharp wind howled down the town's main street and through the snow-capped mountaintops as I took to the water for a cruise along the Beagle Channel. Wrapped up warmly on deck, we sailed past the isolated Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse and steamed ahead as Ushuaia disappeared from view. As the mainland fell away behind us and with nothing by open-ocean stretched out before us all the way to the White Continent, we approached a small-pebbled island. Dozens of penguins lined the beach, many splashing wildly in the shallows of the chilly water.

Back in Ushuaia, I headed to the legendary Tierra del Fuego National Park. An Andean condor — the unmistakable kings of Patagonia's wide open skies — circled above as I followed the short deserted nature trail that hugged the rugged shoreline and weaved in and out of quiet woodland.

Then, weirdly I chanced upon a lone Post Office. And how could I resist the opportunity to end a postcard for the edge of the world?

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Embrace Istanbul cool

Turkish capital emerging as the 'it' Euro destination

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Voted the European city of culture 2010, Istanbul is a gem.

Here's how to pack the most into and get the most out of 24 hours in the Turkish capital Istanbul.

WHERE TO WAKE UP

Hotel les Ottomans
(lesottomans.com)

Smell the salty air of the sea as you open your eyes and have breakfast overlooking the beautiful Bosphorus. This reconstructed 18th century pasha's palace has personal shoppers and butlers to make life easier and if you're stranded, you can ask to use the hotel's yacht.

WHERE TO LUNCH

Bambi

Treat yourself to the best dönor kebab in town. Cheap and cheerful, the stall is open 24 hours a day. For dessert and a chance to rest your legs there's no better place than Saray (saray-muhallebicisi.com).

Try the ladies' thighs baklava.

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Istanbul was voted the European city of culture for 2010.

WHERE TO HAVE DINNER

Mikla
(miklarestaurant.com)

With a unique mesh of style that's somewhere between retro and royal, the kitchen is regarded as one of Istanbul's finest. Its rooftop location means great views over Topkapi Palace. From the pistachio crusted lamb chops to the cheese board, every mouthful is a new sensation.

HOW TO SPEND THE NIGHT

5 Kat
(5kat.com)

The flashy and bright interior sure does the job at catching your eye, as do the velvet furnishings.End the night at Ghetto (ghettoist.com) that's actually a former bakery.

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Stroll through English history

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Eighty years ago this week a stonemason from Blackburn, England, made his first visit to the Lake District. Mesmerized by the beauty, Alfred Wainwright dedicated the rest of his life to creating guidebooks of sublime artistry.

Wainwright is a peculiarly English national treasure. Gruff, northern, dogmatic, and entirely unattracted by the fripperies of celebrity.

He nonetheless created a series of hand-written and hand-illustrated guide books almost as beautiful as the Lake District itself — and became an unlikely star.

On June 7, members of the Wainwright Society marked the anniversary of the great man's first visit to "The Lakes."

We asked founding member John Bullard just what was so special about the region, the man and for a few of his favourite region walks.

"The English Lake District is a fell-walker's theme park, there is just so much variety packed into such a small space," Bullard said.

"It's only really 20 miles from north to south and a little more East to West but we've got such a wide ranging group of fells from the gentle ones at about 300 metres to Scafell Pike at 978 metres, the highest mountain in England."

Wainwright was born in the grimy industrial mill town of Blackburn and John says his genius was to capture both the beauty of the Lake District together with precise information for the first time.

"In the '50s and '60s they were the most progressive and comprehensive guides available and for me, even in the age of GPS, they have never been surpassed," Bullard said.

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In search of lost time is best read in Paris' Cafe Flore.

Step off the pages, into a traveller's reality

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Sometimes a novel can so perfectly capture the nature of a place that it becomes mandatory reading for any traveller. We've chosen our favourite three

In search of lost time
Paris
One of France's most acclaimed literary figures Marcel Proust's collection of novels trace the culture and history and dramas of 18th century Paris. Order a café crème and "croque monsieur" as you settle on one of the rickety chairs outside Café de Flore. Get lost in the description of the eclectic life of main protagonist as you people watch Parisians sashay by in their classical, cool manner.
Best read in:
Café Flore

James Bond
Jamaica
Author Ian Fleming's estate is now a luxury island resort and you can stay in the enchanting villa that inspired one of the biggest spies of all time. You'll feel like you've stepped into your own James Bond fantasy movie, although a Ursula Andress look-a-like isn't part of the deal.
Best read on:
Oracabessa Beach

Love in time of cholera
Columbia
This story of unrequited love is set in the steamy and sleepy town of Cartagena. Gabriel Garcia Marquez passionately describes the humid and tropical surroundings, colonial architecture and hazy street life of this captivating city. The walled old town is a gem.
Best read in:
Cartagena

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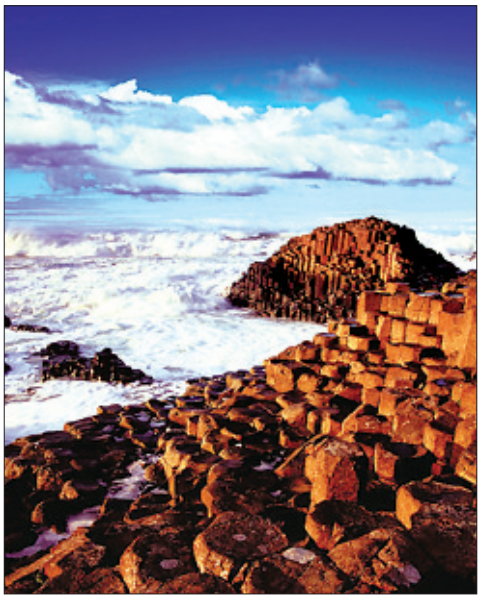

The Giant's Causeway is also known as the 'Stepping Stones.'

Walking in footsteps of giants

Ireland's Causeway rock formations lends itself to legend

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

There's so much more to Ireland than Guinness.

Rarely has nature created such a perfect site as Giant's Causeway, long regarded as one of the wonders of the natural world. The 40,000 or so hexagonal basalt stone columns, located on the Antrim Coast, formed from volcanic eruptions more than 60 million years ago.

Their exact history remains a mystery but according to local legend, the man behind the myth was a giant named Finn McCool, who built these "stepping stones" to cross the sea and challenge a Scottish rival. On your tour, look out for the more peculiar rock formations including the Camel's Hump, Giant's Boot and the Giant's Harp.

DRIVING

Driving the Causeway coastal route is makes for a memorable road trips and a leisurely way for you to properly absorb the unspoiled landscapes. Don't forget the random stops in towns and villages — each has its own character.

HORSE RIDING

What better way to trace the rocky coast then on horseback? Thanks to your sturdy companion, you will be able to discover paths that are inaccessible when trekking by foot. Also, your elevated position will allow you a better appreciation of the dramatic natural surroundings.

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Kitebuggying is a great way to see Giant's Causeway.

KITEBUGGYING

This shore-based activity is one of the most exhilarating ways to spend an afternoon.

Jump into the drivers seat and let the winds do the rest.

WALKING

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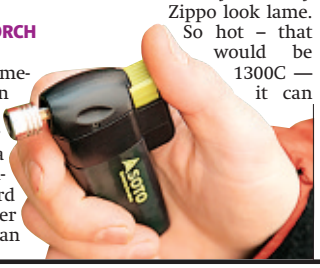

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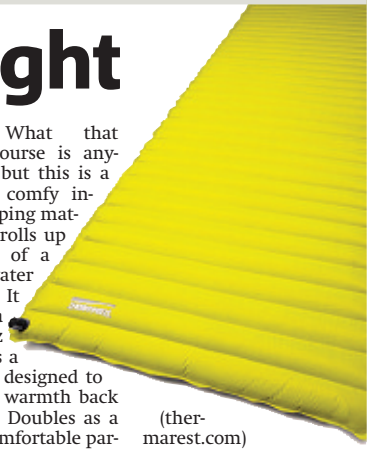

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DAILY BUDGET $50

EAT

Daiwa Sushi

Breakfast queues outside this sushi bar start as early as 5 a.m. Located in the Tsukiji fish market it's all super-fresh. Order a green tea, miso soup with clams and an aguro maki (tuna roll).

STAY

Tokyo International Hostel

The high-rise buildings' large windows offer sweeping views of the city and the dormitories are adequately furnished.

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Sumo Wrestling

Once upon a time, this was the only sporting activity approved by shoguns that didn't involve killing people. Immensely entertaining and surprisingly little serious damage.

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Slinging style in Singapore

Visit a city with a touch of eccentric

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Metro World News

It may be freakishly clean and organized — and seem a little eccentric — but Singapore also has natural beauty and style.

Find out the things to do, see and experience in Singapore.

SEE

The wildlife

Bukit Timah nature reserve is a stunning jungle trek with cheeky lemurs leaping above your head. The wildlife is no less lively at night and Night Safari, a park specializing in night tours allows you to see animals that snooze by day such as the royal Bengal tiger, Nepalese rhino.

HEAR

Zouk

It's three for the price of one at Zouk. One venue, three different beats and vibes — from hip hop to electro to pop. DJ Andrew Chow, now a regular at club N.3, Phuture, runs the infamous Flava Fridays.

WEAR

Designer wears

If you fancy flexing your credit card then Orchard Street is the place to be. Club 21 stocks some of the hippest international labels including Helmut Lang, Jil Sander and Yohji Yamamoto. Head to Kwok Gallery in Chinatown to dig round for some antique jade jewelry or quirky ceramics.

DRINK

Tea or Tiger

Brew — and drink — your own tea, eat dim sum and attend a workshop all within the same space. Yixing Xuan teahouse is where you get to do all of this as well as buy tea leaves so you can carry on brewing back home. Choose from all varieties including green, black, white oolong and pu-erh.

If tea isn't your drink of choice (especially in the evenings) have a Tiger beer.

EAT

At Hawker Stalls

Culinary melting pots fusing Chinese, Indian and Malay influences into sizzling woks and pans. Open-air food courts called Hawker Stalls are where you'll eat the tastiest and most authentic dishes. Walk down Maxwell Road where cooks flaunt their skills by shouting out for your attention.

Sample anything from cinnamon and tamarind tart to barbecued tiger prawns and a refreshing drink of grass jelly and aloe vera.

SAY

Time for toast

Singaporeans love to start off the day with some Kaya on toast, a sweet spread made from eggs, coconut milk, sugar and pandan preserves.

To go with it, have a steaming cup of teh tarik, tea and condensed milk.

DON'T SAY

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BET to give Prince a lifetime achievement award
This month's BET Awards will be a royal affair: Prince is getting a lifetime achievement honour. The 51-year-old joins the likes of James Brown, Whitney Houston, Diana Ross and Al Green in being honoured by the BET Awards, which will celebrate its 10th year in Los Angeles on June 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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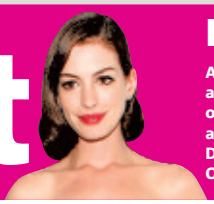

Princess Anne
Anne Hathaway is stepping into a new Cinderella story. The star of The Princess Diaries will appear in the film adaptation of David Nicholls' popular novel One Day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toy Story brings back playtime

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Toy Story 3 is about toys. All kinds of toys. Some familiar, like the hilariously vain Ken doll voiced by Michael Keaton, others less so, like Mr. Pricklepants, a small stuffed toy with a deep baritone supplied by Timothy Dalton.

The stars have come out to play toys in the film, but what toys did they play with as children?

MICHAEL KEATON

The Batman actor didn't play with Ken dolls as a kid — he just plays one in the movie — but he does fondly remember a baseball glove he had as a youngster. "I wish I still had it," he says. "It was perfectly worked in."

JEFF GARLIN

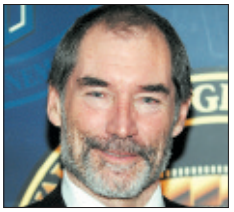
The burly Curb Your Enthusiasm actor who voices Buttercup the Unicorn says his most memorable toy wasn't actually a toy, but the box it came in. "I used that box for a year as a fort, as a robot," he says. "I loved the box. And now my kids, as they open up gifts, love boxes."

JOAN CUSACK

"I had a Barbie head," says Cusack, who returns to the Toy Story franchise for the second time as the voice of Jessie, the Yodeling Cowgirl. "Just the head. It was sold like that. It was her head and her neck was like a tray and we did make-up and hair on the head. That's all I can really remember. The rest of it was all make believe and forts and playing house and stuff. It wasn't so much toys back then."

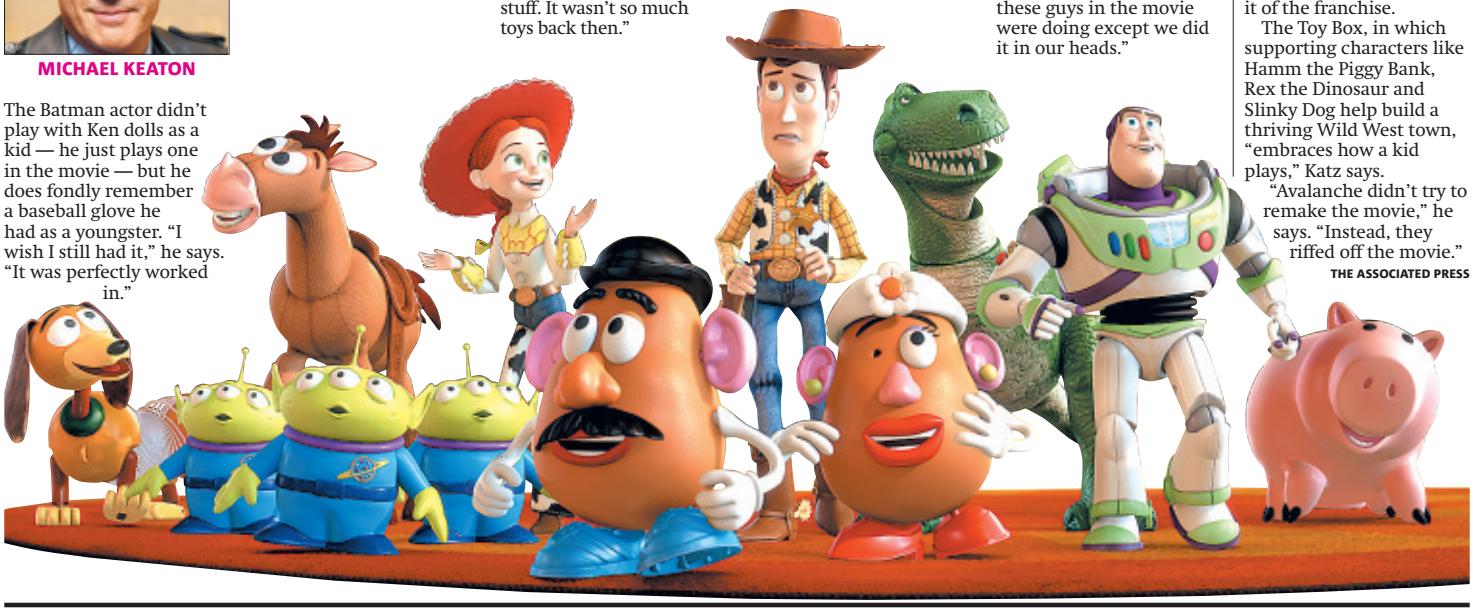
KRISTEN 'TRIXIE THE TRICERATOPS' SCHAAL

The actress, best known as Mel on Flight of the Concords, says her favorite toy also came in a box, but unlike her co-star she actually played with the contents. "My great aunt gave me a box of costume jewelry that I used forever until I lost every piece," she says. "I would pretend to be a Madame! No! Just kidding! A princess!"



TIMOTHY DALTON

The former Mr. Bond — now the voice of a stuffed hedgehog with theatrical ambitions — agrees with Cusack. "We made things up," he says. "We played with tin cans, stones and bits of wood or paper. Or we played games or went on adventures like tramping across the fields thinking we were adventuring heroes. It was before the space age but we did what these guys in the movie were doing except we did it in our heads."



Video game allows you in the Toy Box

GAMES "Movie-based games seem like they're destined to fail," says Jason Katz, story supervisor for Pixar's latest animated film, Toy Story 3. "It's like putting a giraffe in human clothes."

But Pixar's collaboration with Avalanche Software on the Toy Story 3 video game, released this week by Disney Interactive, demonstrates a fresh approach to the typically dreadful movie tie-in. Like most offerings in the genre, the game includes an interactive retelling of the film's plot. But Avalanche has also taken Buzz, Woody and the rest of the cast and put them in an open-world playground, called the Toy Box, that feels even truer to the spirit of the franchise.

The Toy Box, in which supporting characters like Hamm the Piggy Bank, Rex the Dinosaur and Slinky Dog help build a thriving Wild West town, "embraces how a kid plays," Katz says.

"Avalanche didn't try to remake the movie," he says. "Instead, they riffed off the movie."

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Horseshoe hosts pre-NXNE showcase

Most of the music action at NXNE doesn't get underway until tomorrow, but the Horseshoe Tavern gets a jumpstart tonight with a pre-NXNE showcase featuring Running Red Lights, Cold Dead Hands, Schomberg Fair, Lovely Killbots and Dildoniks. Free with writsbands. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Luminato highlights

ARTS Here is a look at some of the events taking place today as part of Luminato, Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity.

- As part of the free events at Yonge-Dundas Square, a number of J-Pop groups will perform, including Maki Nomiya and The Moist Towelettes.
- East/West in Canadian Fiction will feature some of the country's best writers discussing their work at the Toronto Reference Library at 7 p.m. The event is free.
- The Canadian Songbook: 40 Years of Bruce Cockburn takes place at Massey Hall and will feature a group of artists paying tribute to the singer-songwriter.

For more details on these and other events, visit luminato.com.

This Movie is Broken, far left, Search and Destroy, centre, and Year of the Carnivore, above, are among the films screening this week at the North By Northeast festival.

NXNE at the movies

40 docs, dramas and comedies screening at festival

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

With 650 bands playing at 50 venues across the city, NXNE is fun, but extremely exhausting. The festival's film program, featuring 40 music docs, dramas and comedies, can be the perfect antidote to the hectic pace of the festival's tight scheduling.

Famed Canadian filmmakers Bruce McDonald and Sook-Yin Lee give us two of the fest's most anticipated films tomorrow night. McDonald's latest, This Movie is Broken is a fictional drama set partly at a Broken Social Scene gig while Lee's Year of the Carnivore follows a girl looking to gain more "experience" in the sack to impress a boy and is soundtracked by Buck 65.

Canadian acts are quite heavily represented this year; late great Queen West luminary Handsome Ned gets his due in You Left Me Blue: The Handsome Ned Story. Although never considered a musical hotspot, Winnipeg has quietly churned out its share of great bands as evidenced by The Watchmen: All Uncovered, chronicling the Can-rock '90s stalwarts recent reunion show, and We're the Weakerthans, We're From Winnipeg, a tour doc from the band's most recent Canadian tour. And let's not forget Circa 1977: The Diodes following the recently reunited Toronto punk rockers' first year together.

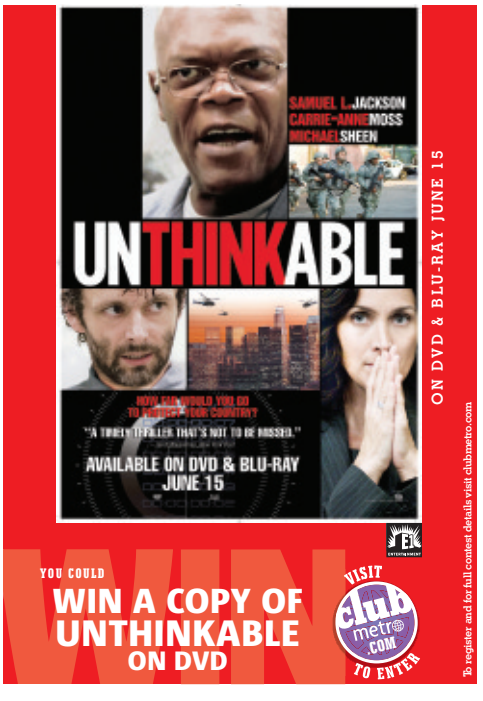
For more details visit nxne.com

But the Diodes aren't the only O.G. punks that get their celluloid due. Both Iggy and the Stooges and X, who are both performing this year, get the doc treatment in Search and Destroy: Iggy Pop and the Stooges' Raw Power and X: The Unheard Music respectively.

Three of the most interesting films featured this year come from English filmmaker and DJ Don Letts. Carnival!, which chronicles the history and cultural importance of the annual Notting Hill Carnival in London, makes its North American debut tonight.

Letts famously introduced reggae basslines to the punks while a DJ at England's first punk club and was a close friend of the Clash, making him the perfect person to explore the legacy of the band's frontman Joe Strummer with Strummerville, making its Canadian debut. Letts has the camera turned on himself by director Raphael Erichsen in Superstonic Sound: The Rebel Dread, which uses Letts' musical legacy to mirror the history of U.K. dub, punk and hip-hop.

Finally, for those on the hunt for an early Father's Day bonding activity, look no further than Stones in Exile, chronicling the sessions that produced the band's last great album, Exile on Mainstreet.



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Now he'll really get to experience Big Brother

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Miley says she won't be 'tamed'

POP TARTS Miley Cyrus won't be told what she should wear or what she should sing about.

The 17-year-old is releasing new album, Can't Be Tamed, and is doing it her way, even though some say she is going to too far for her age.

Said Cyrus: "I'm not trying to be 'slutty.'" She said she's trying to make a point with her record and look consistent.

She also said she's comfortable with her body, and also with dressing a little less.

Cyrus — whose Disney TV show Hannah Montana ends this year — is set to release Can't Be Tamed on Monday, and has make several provocative high profile media appearances to promote the album in the lead up to its debut.

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VINCENT YU/AP PHOTO

Hong Kong actor Jaycee Chan and actress Fiona Sit react during the premiere of their new film Break Up Club in Hong Kong on Monday. Jaycee, Jackie Chan's son said he's overcome initial doubts about joining his father in show business, but he prefers making music over movies.

Karaoke over kung fu

Jackie Chan's son would rather make music than movies

Jackie Chan's son says he has overcome initial doubts about joining his father in show business, but he prefers making music over movies.

Six years after his movie and album debut, 27-year-old Jaycee Chan said he was starting to shed the baggage of his famous family name and finding his niche in the Chinese-language entertainment industry.

"At first I did (have doubts), but not any more because I found quite a few supporters and fewer and fewer haters," Chan told The Associated Press with a chuckle. "So I'm happy with what I'm doing now."

But speaking late Monday on the sidelines of the Hong Kong premiere for his new romance, Break Up Club, the singer-songwriter was keener to speak about his music career. The younger Chan recently released his third album, Messy, which he hopes will offer an alternative to the sappy ballads that dominate Chinese pop.

"At first I did (have doubts), but not anymore because I found quite a few supporters and fewer and fewer haters."
Actor and singer Jaycee Chan

"I'm not that into that. I think music is more than only love. It can be family love. It can be friendship," Chan said.

He said he enjoys music more than the trade of his action-star father.

"My music career is actually more important than my movie career because music is me, only. I create them (the songs), I sing them, I write them, I direct most of my own music videos," Chan said.

He said in movies he felt like a pawn. "People tell me to do this, I do it, I get the money and I'm happy. If the movie does well, I'm even happier," Chan said. "But if it's music, that's on me. If it's not good, I'm the one to blame."

Chan penned 16 of the 18 songs on his new album.

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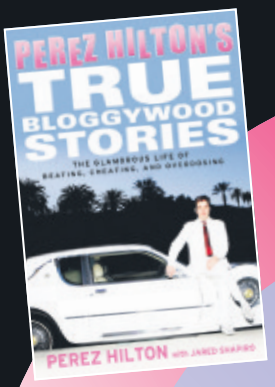

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Party crashed gets real

The woman who crashed U.S. President Barack Obama's first state dinner has cashed in with a reality TV deal. The Bravo network said yesterday that Michaele Salahi will be featured in the next instalment of its Real Housewives franchise. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The good father

Hollywood movies simplify the role of fatherhood

Viggo Mortensen in The Road, above, and, Will Smith in The Pursuit of Happyness, left, are both examples of characters that portray positive father figures.

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In Hollywood, dads get no respect.

Just look at the foolishness of fatherhood in such big-screen duds as Furry Vengeance, Old Dogs or Daddy Day Camp. Well-meaning as they are, these blundering papas are anything but capable.

But is cinema accurately servicing the image of our everyday dads? Not so, according to Dale Curd. As one of Canada's leading authorities on men's issues and host of GuyTalk (a weekly radio show on Toronto's Newstalk 1010), Curd hints that Hollywood has been shortsighted on the portrayal of papas.

"I don't think Hollywood is giving us movies that show how committed fathers actually are to the role of fathering," stated Curd while pointing out the success of Sandra Bullock in the maternal drama The Blindside only displays a gender disparity.

"What made the story compelling was that this was a woman who is nurturing a young man who isn't her own so it goes against the mother archetype," said Curd. "We're not in that conversation yet when it comes to fathers … I think Hollywood believes that it isn't as compelling a story."

While Curd believes competent dads are certainly more common than not, triumphant fatherhood is the exception in movies. However, Hollywood doesn't shy away from more dichotomized dad stories exemplified by such common archetypes as the Doofus Father found in comedies like Furry Vengeance ("he's a guy who's in a level of arrested development emotionally" He's a child himself and he behaves like a big child") or the Vengeful Father — displayed by Liam Neeson's character in Taken ("who's exacting out some level of revenge or anger like he's correcting a wrong").

Still, while movies may continue to simplify the role of fatherhood, Curd notes there is one recent film that accurately depicts dad in a positive light … but even that comes with a catch.

"Cormac McCarthy's vision of the father in The Road is fairly correct," said Curd of Viggo Mortensen's character in the apocalypse-set thriller. "Interesting enough (it seems to Hollywood), it has to be end of the world before fathers step up."

Memorable Movie Dads

- **Atticus Finch**, To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) — played by Gregory Peck
- **Stanley Banks**, Father of the Bride (1950) – played by Spencer Tracy
- **Ted Kramer**, Kramer Vs. Kramer (1979) – played by Dustin Hoffman
- **Chris Gardner**, The Pursuit of Happyness (2006), played by Will Smith
- **Guido Orefice**, Life is Beautiful (1997) – played by Roberto Benigni

Mandel relishes offbeat and gifted role as Talent judge

TELEVISION Howie Mandel contends there's a Tiny Tim-sized void in entertainment today, and he aims to fill it as a judge on America's Got Talent.

Joining the NBC show this season is allowing the 54-year-old comedian to exercise his taste, which he cheerfully acknowledges embraces the good, the bad and the weird.

"As much as I love seeing somebody undiscovered and unique, there's something to be said for the insanity and the train wreck. I'm mesmerized by something I don't understand because it looks like it's bad," said the Toronto-born TV personality.

I'm just as taken by that as I am brilliance."

America's Got Talent, in its fifth season, is hosted by Nick Cannon and includes Sharon Osbourne and Piers Morgan on the judging panel with Mandel.

In the early going, Mandel's been charmed by the likes of an impersonator who's billed as "the man of 100 voices" — all of which, he said, "sound exactly the same."

Like Ted Mack's The Original Amateur Hour, a show Mandel recalls attending as a child, he appreciates that America's Got Talent throws "a wide net, whether dancer, singer, magician."

Unconventional acts deserve a place in show business, too, he contends.

"There's a void right now for entertaining insanity," Mandel said, citing such examples as comedian Professor Irwin Corey and Tiny Tim, the high-voiced ukulele player who was a frequent guest on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show in the 1960s and '70s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dramatic inevitability

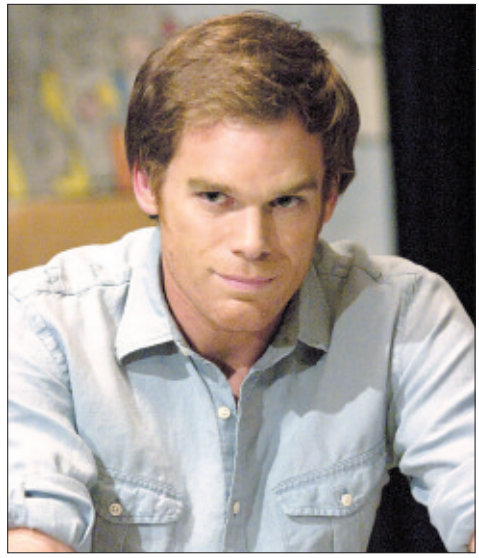
Dexter Season 4's shocking finale was the right move, says creator

Dexter creator James Manos Jr. says it was simply the right time to eliminate one of the show's most beloved characters in last season's shocking finale.

Anyone not caught up on the dark escapades of the fictional serial killer Dexter Morgan may want to stop reading here, lest they spoil one of the most devastating twists to come out of the provocative Showtime series, which aired on The Movie Network and Movie Central in Canada.

"It sucks, quite frankly, when anybody dies off the series," concedes Manos Jr., who wrote and cast the pilot but was not involved in Season 4.

"For the actual show itself, the big picture of the show, it was the right time, it was the right play. I think the writers who took over the show after I left did a really smart job. I thought they handled it really elegantly and I thought it seemed very natural and normal and the right thing to do."



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Actor Michael C. Hall in a scene from Dexter, in which he plays a blood-spatter analyst by day and vigilante serial killer by night.

Of course, "natural and normal" are relative concepts in the world of Dexter.

Last season kicked off with the psychopathic blood-spatter analyst settling into fatherhood as he stalked a serial killer that seemed to do the impossible — juggle a picture-perfect family life with a decades-long compulsion to kill.

But when Dexter finally does away with the so-called Trinity Killer, played by John Lithgow, he returns home to find he was too late to save one last victim — his own wife, Rita. Sitting next to her in a pool of his mother's blood is their baby son Harry. In an instant, all the normalcy that Dexter believed was finally his comes crashing down in the most pointed way possible.

Dramatically speaking, killing off Rita was an inevitability, says Manos Jr., noting that from the very beginning, he envisioned her as the key factor that could make Dexter human.

"Her bringing that humanity into his life was great, it was the purpose of it, to see whether or not he's going to become human and stop," says Manos Jr., who adapted the pilot from the series of Dexter novels by Jeff Lindsay. He also won an Emmy for his work as a co-producer and writer on The Sopranos.

"Is Dexter going to become so human that he stops killing? (But) we don't want him to stop killing because we want those bad guys to go."

Manos Jr. outlined the intricacies of building a TV show around serial killer at the Banff World Television Festival on Monday, and his afternoon session grew so popular that observers overflowed out of the hotel conference room in which it was held.

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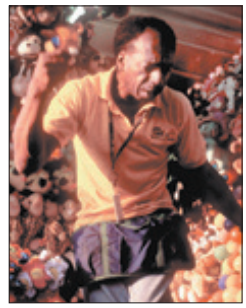
The View From Here
The word "carny" may evoke an image of a scruffy character whose teeth and IQ points are both in the single digits. But as Alison Murray's documentary "Carny" reveals, the folks who operate the rides, run the games and peddle the munchies on the midway are a diverse bunch who have one thing in common: They find carnival life far better than what they came from. 10 PM on TVO



TV's Greatest Surprises: A Paley Center for Media Special
If you watch television, you've experienced those "What the ... ?" moments. Thirty of them are compiled in this new special, hosted by Jeff Probst ("Survivor") and featuring commentary from Tina Fey, Ellen DeGeneres, Whoopi Goldberg and many others. The list won't be revealed until airtime, but you can probably expect to see the famous Bobby Ewing shower scene from "Dallas" in there somewhere. 8 PM on CBS

In brief

GAME SHOW A medieval-themed game show called Splatalot, which is geared to eight-to-12-year-olds, is bound for Canada, the U.K. and Australia. The Toronto-based company marblemedia is teaming up with YTV in Canada, BBC in the U.K. and ABC in Australia to produce the obstacle course competition.

KIDS SHOWS Five new shows are on the way from Teletoon Canada. The kids channel says upcoming projects include a live-action series based on the TV movie My Babysitter's a Vampire. Meanwhile, GeoFreakZ is billed as an interactive series that combines the treasure-hunting sport of geocaching with a futuristic tale about a group of teenage mutant aliens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

If your Christmas wish list includes moonwalking with Jacko, you're in luck
Michael Jackson fans will be able to moonwalk next to the King of Pop in a new video game to be released this holiday season by Ubisoft Entertainment. The as-yet-unnamed game will be among the first to use new motion-detecting camera systems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Amy back in rehab

'WELCOME BACK! THEY ALL CRIED IN UNISON, AS AMY SETTLED COMFORTABLY INTO THE ROOM THEY KEEP ESPECIALLY FOR HER Amy Winehouse headed back to rehab recently in an apparent bid to please her new boyfriend, according to the Sun. Film producer Reg Traviss hasn't been thrilled with her partying ways, sources tell the newspapers. "When she's not on the bottle they get on brilliantly. But Reg has told her to quit the booze, otherwise he'll be off, and she hit it hard last week," a source says. "She wants to keep him so has decided to make a huge effort to stay sober." That huge effort reportedly included checking herself into the London Clinic once again.

Most people have lost count as to what number this visit to the clinic comprises.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Love cub for Tiger?

AND IT ONLY TOOK THE MOM A DECADE TO COME FORWARD. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS BUT: TEAM TIGER One of Tiger Woods' confessed mistresses, Devon James, claims she also has a child fathered by the famous golfer. James says she gave birth to Tiger's son in 2001. "She says Tiger is the father of her child," a source tells Radar Online. "And she's insistent about it." The child was born before Woods married Elin Nordegren. Woods has reportedly not been asked to take a paternity test.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Stars to protest dolphin hunt in Japan

GUESS WE WON'T BE SEEING JENNIFER ANISTON IN ANY MORE JAPANESE BEER COMMERCIALS The former dolphin trainer and main character in the Oscar-winning documentary about the dolphin hunt in Japan said yesterday he has invited Darryl Hannah and other Hollywood stars to the village of Taiji to prevent the killings from starting again.

Ric O'Barry, whose documentary The Cove has been cancelled in Japan following threats against movie theatres, said Hannah had confirmed her trip to a music festival in Taiji he is organizing in September.

Other celebrities who have already voiced their support for his cause include Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Jason Mraz, Chris Tashima and Robin Williams. They all appear in a public service announcement in support of The Cove.

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Has Sheen totalled his second Mercedes?

ADD THIS TO THE GROWING LIST OF THINGS CHARLIE SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO HAVE AGAIN, RIGHT BETWEEN 'A WIFE' AND 'ACCESS TO A CHEQUING ACCOUNT' A silver Mercedes believed to belong to Charlie Sheen was found down a ravine off Los Angeles' Mulholland Drive with its engine running, according to Radar Online. "I think it's Charlie Sheen's car," a fireman on the scene told the website. If it does belong to the Two and a Half Men star, it would be the second time this year Sheen has had trouble holding onto a Mercedes: In February, a sedan he reported stolen was found at the bottom of a 100-foot cliff in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

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IAN MCKELLEN doesn't want you to worry about the Hobbit, **KAT DENNINGS** likes to leave things to chance, **JUSTIN BIEBER** is learning lots of new and frightening things, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** is looking to the future.

@ianmckellen118 "Hobbit" sets are ready, script ready and movie is casting this month. Fans are not to worry. The films will get made. I suspect we'll start shooting at end of this year.
@OfficialKat Put my iPod on shuffle at midnight...first song of my 24th year is "Closer" by Nine Inch Nails. Slutty!
@justinbieber Nighty night..did u know bed bugs really do exist, be scared.
@ConanOBrien Tonight was my last show of the tour. I want to thank my fans for making this such an incredible experience. Next time: more prison gigs.

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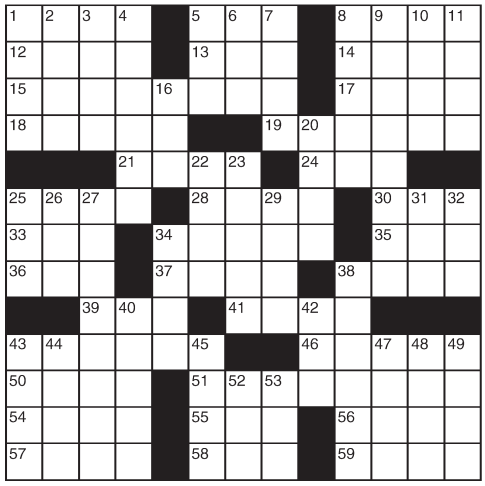

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	1	4					6	
9					6		8	
3			1		7	2		
	2			9		8		3
6		5		3			1	
		2	4		5			6
	7		8					1
	3					5	7	

ACROSS

1 Tosses in
5 Trail behind
8 Lone Ranger's concealment
12 Dirt
13 Id counterpart
14 Stratford's river
15 Tryout
17 Motion picture
18 Tending (to)
19 Car shelter
21 Recognized
24 Barracks bed
25 "Why not?"
28 Money
30 Altar affirmative
33 Male turkey
34 Daphnis' love
35 "— Town"
36 Clothing protector
37 Oodles
38 54-Across feature
39 Debt notice
41 Region
43 State of confusion
46 Prefix with red
50 La Scala solo
51 One way to enlarge a family
54 Entrance
55 Intimidate
56 Valhalla VIP
57 "— Karenina"
58 Longing
59 Contendere preceder

DOWN

1 Pronto, acronymically
2 Gloomy
3 "Aeneid" queen
4 Stealthily quiet
5 Mainlander's memento
6 Past
7 Amateur-night prop
8 Large-scale
9 Flying
10 "American Idol" choice
11 Dandling site
16 X rating?
20 Rue the run
22 Vocal comeback?
23 Strauss specialty
25 Gamblers' venue (Abbr.)
26 Japanese pond carp
27 Ardent desire for a goal
29 Mediocre
31 Pair
32 Sphere
34 Hint
38 Bandleader Stan
40 Butler's love
42 Pinch
43 Arp's movement
44 "— Man" (Downey movie)
45 Suggestive
47 Pet name
48 Anger
49 Domini lead-in
52 Buck's mate
53 Possess

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G	R	A	B		O	F	F		M	A	N	E		
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C	I	T	E		C	A	I	R	E	N	E	S		
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B	L	O	G		E	K	E		Y	A	W	N		

6	7	2	1	8	9	5	4	3
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5	1	6	9	3	7	2	8	4
3	8	4	5	2	1	9	7	6
2	9	7	6	4	8	3	5	1
4	2	3	8	1	6	7	9	5
7	5	1	2	9	3	4	6	8
9	6	8	7	5	4	1	3	2

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Hot Tamale Pie

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup cornmeal
1/2 cup cold water
1/4 tsp salt
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
1 1/3 cups water
500 g lean ground beef
1 yellow onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 can red kidney beans, drained
1 can enchilada sauce
1 can diced green chili peppers, undrained
1/4 cup chopped pitted black olives
2 tsp chili powder
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

METHOD:

1. In bowl, combine cornmeal, cold water, salt and cayenne pepper. In medium-size pot, bring 1 1/3 cups water to boil. Slowly add cornmeal mixture to boiling water, stirring constantly. Return to boil, stirring constantly. Lower heat and cook until very thick, stirring occasionally.

2. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). In skillet, cook ground beef, onion, green pepper and garlic until meat is browned. Drain off fat. Stir in kidney beans, enchilada sauce, chili peppers, olives, and chili powder. Bring to boil.

3. Spread hot cornmeal mixture into greased 20 cm x 20 cm x 5 cm baking dish. Spread meat mixture over cornmeal layer. Bake, covered, 20 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered, until cheese is melted.

SERVES 6

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Friends will go out of their way to assist you today, so don't sit there pretending that everything is fine when it isn't.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If you need to persuade someone to give you something today you will no doubt be successful, but is it something you really need?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
So many things are going right for you now and you are starting to believe that you are on the verge of a major breakthrough.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your main problem at the moment is that you are worrying about things that will probably never happen.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You seem to be rather pleased with yourself at the moment, and with good reason. According to the planets you are in tune with the spirit of the times.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may be nervous by nature but you can also be incredibly brave and you will find the courage to make a difficult decision today.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Approach the day in a positive frame of mind and you will accomplish a lot. Approach the day in a negative frame of mind and nothing much will get done.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may not be able to explain how you have reached a certain conclusion but your instincts tell you they are right, so trust them.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Certain people may not deserve your support but you should give it anyway, simply because you may need their help towards the end of the week.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
The more time you spend planning what you are going to do the more likely it is that your efforts will bring success.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you are the kind of Aquarius who likes to be boss then what happens today will give you the chance to prove you have what it takes to lead other people.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The thing you most want to avoid is the thing you most need to face up to. The planets suggest that if you deal with it now it won't bother you again.

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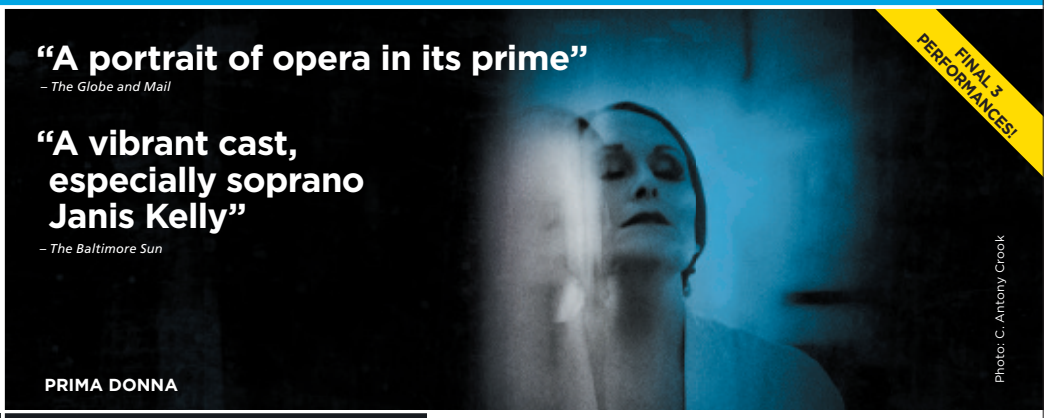

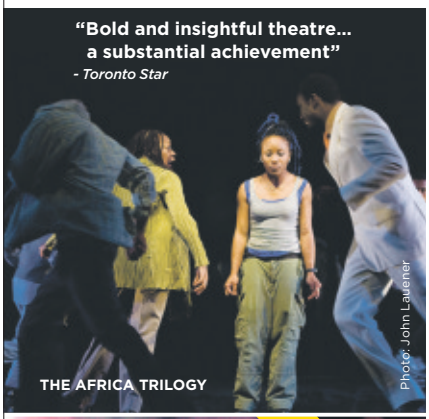

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